LETTERS FROM FORT St. GEORGE. 1693-94

therefore obey my Commands & if there be any other person who have any difference wth: Mr. Noden Acquaint them with this my order.

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.

To MR JOHN HAYNES 2D: &cA:
COUNCILL FORT ST. DAVID.

Our last was ye: 28th: past This Gives answer to severall recd: from you, dated ye: 5th: 8th: 13th: & 30th: past & 2d: Instant.

Forgett not to demand your merchts: Answer concerning the Neckcloths & If they can be had cheap wee may enlarge ye: Investmt: therein, being a good commodity in Europe.

Take ye: 1st oppertunity of a ship or Deckt vessell comeing this way for sending us ye: bales you have in readynesse, wee expect ye: Briganteen from Vizagapatam, & a ship from Bengall long before now & intended to have sent one down to you but since wee are disappointed wee depend upon you Freighting ye: Goods upon some of ye: Countrey ships wch: are in your river and bound hither.

Pray make further Enquiering into ye: Matt of yor: fanams because Ezam Rauze & those wth: him doe give a different Accot: from wtt: you write us in yours of ye: 13th: past.

Wee have paid ye: two bills you mention to have drawn upon us in yor: Generall Lre: dated ye: 5th: for Pagods: 2000 & in yor: Generall dat: 13th: Do: for Pagods: 750 for wch: you are to Give us creditt.

Wee have accepted your bill drawn for Pagods: 500: mentioned in yours of ye: 2d: Instant.

Wee are glad you have recd: ye: two thousand Pagods: sent you by Dr. Blackwall Concerning wch: wee heard some doubtfull reports, & ye: Passage by land uncertain, you must loose no oppertunitys of Drawing bills upon us till you are furnished wth: Enough to comply wth: yor: contracts but draw no more than necessary.

Wee want ye: Copy of yor: Paymasters Accots: concerning wch: you write yt: you want assistants to Copy ym: If your meaning be yt: they Cannot be Copyed till more Assistants come to you from hence, lett us know it, yt: wee may noe Longer depend upon ym: in vain.

If you have a markett for the Allum sell it as well as you can, wee haveing more here then wee can dispose of; Pagds: 27: per halfe peeice Broad cloth is a better price then wee can gett here, for damaged broad Cloth, and If you can sell ye: 9 peeices at an Abatement proportionable to the damage lett itt Goe, wee have none to send you neither good nor damaged.

The 5 Fanams sent us is under Assay whereof wee shall advise you the report, continue you to send us 5 monthly If you write.

Wee have recd: the 4 percills of Musters of Blue Cloth, repair yor: Cuddalore Fortification so far as is necessary especially ye: Northermost point, wch: Mr. Hatsell informs us was designed before he came, and as soon as you have gott a stock of bricks, & Chinam enough, goe on wth: ye: reperation of yor: curtain upon ye: old foundation & hasten it wth: all Expedition.

By every Genll: Letter give us an Accot: (as you have done in yors: of ye: 13th: past) of ye Quantity of Cloth mesured Embaled & at whitening to wch: add an accot: of ye: quantity turned out as short cloth. And wee strictly require yt: you take care yt: none of ye: Cloth wch: is turned out be disposed of to any but ye: Compa: & it is high time to begin (if you have not already) to take it in for ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: use at such abatements for ye: shortnesse & badness as may discourage ye: Merchts: from bringing in Cloth below muster.

Wee have here agreed wth: our Merchts: to abate 5 per cent on ye: short Cloth, besides a proportion in ye: respective prices for wtt: each peeice falls short in Length and Breadth.

Our Fort St. George Merchts: have about 1700: Pagoas: at and near Cuddalore to be invested in Cloth, lett not yor: Merchts: give them any

obstructions in y^{e}: Investm^{t}: of y^{t}:, & o^{r}: Merch^{ts}: have promised to send no more; Wee are

Your loving freinds

Fort S^{t}: George
Jan^{ry}: y^{e}: 9th: 1692-3.

J. GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
WILL^{M}: HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

P.S.—

Since the foregoeing wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 5th: & 6th: Ins^{t}: each Accompany'd wth: a Lr̃e: from Govr: Pitt, Wee haveing wholy removed from Coniméer Factory it is not convenient to be at any charge for y^{e}: defending it from y^{e}: Acceptance of y^{e}: Moors, & Morattas, & you did well in forbearing to send men thither, who would be driven out wth: disgrace unlesse you sent enough to maintain, & y^{t}: wo^{d}: be too great & needlesse Expence.

Wee have sent you by these Peons 2 parcells q^{t}: 5 Quier of Paper royall, 3 Quier 2^{d}: sort, & 4 Quier of y^{e}: 3^{d}: sort for yor: present supply, wee shall furnish you wth: Factors Provisions & stores Garrison by y^{e}: first Oppertunity.

TO MR. JOHN HAYNES SECOND &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT FORT ST DAVID.

Our last was dat: y^{e}: 9th: Ins^{t}: wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: [illegible]th: & 6th: wth: Coppys of yor: Paymasters Account. This incloses invoice & bill of Ladeing for Lead and stores sent you by the Brigantine Robert Atkinson Master Amo^{ts}: to Pago^{ds}: 1398: 19: 02: for w^{ch}: you are to give us Creditt, hasten y^{e}: unladeing of y^{e}: Brigantine & dispatch her to us againe as soon as possible wth: as many bales as she will take in, & send us y^{e}: rest of yor: bales by y^{e}: first oppertunity, Wee intend to send you more stores by a sloop of Mocdum Nino's w^{ch}: wee have hired & hope to dispatch to you in two days.

Give the Master order to [*lacuna*] the Brigantine for preservation of the bales from damage.

Haveing two Ministers here, wee can spare Mr. Brideoak to Officiate at Fort St David where he may continue till our further order.

By this Brigantine come Thomas Walton who came out a writer on y^{e}: Sampson arrived y^{e}: 1st: October last, and Charles Bugden who came out a writer on y^{e}: Charles y^{e}: 2^{d}: arrived in Ballasore y^{e}: 31st October & from thence took passage on y^{e}: Berkley Castle arrived here y^{e}: 23th: November but whether his sallary commences from y^{e}: time of arriveall at Bengall, or Fort St. George, you must determine by his Indentures w^{ch}: cause him to produce, and enter y^{e}: same in your Consultation Booke.

Inclosed is an order made here concerning all ships and cargoes to Bengall being Consigned to the Agent, whereof the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: doe Expect a strict observance.

Also our order concerning the Exportation of Powder & saltpetre w^{ch}: you are to Publish wording it as may be agreeable to your place and Execute due Complyance wherein you are particularly to take care y^{t}: noe saltpetre be sold or conveyed directly or indirectly to or for y^{e}: use of the French, but you are not to lett it be known that the said order is so intended, wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing freinds

Fort S^{t}. George
Jan^{ry}: y^{e}: 19th: 1692-3.

J. GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

To his Ex^{cy}: Arsama Naigue.

I enjoy good health and am Glad to understand your Ex^{cy}: yor: health & Good fortune & returne your Ex^{cy}: my humble thanks for the Expressions & promises of your kindnesse and favour to our affaires as Occasion shall requier, your Ex^{cy}: is pleased to Give me an Acco^{t}: of your great successe, wherein wee have a notable instance of the uncertainty & instability of all human Affairs God Allmighty Governs the World and taketh away and Giveth Kingdomes and Principalityes to whome he pleases, But among all y^{e}: changes w^{ch}: have happen'd in these parts, wee remain in the Peacible possession of those Places wth: all the Priviledges granted to us by y^{e}: Kings of Golconda Successively.

Wee drive our trade in all parts of India and with all sorts of Nations and therefore it is necessary that we keep peace and freindship, Wee are just to all men greatefull to our freinds Civill to Strangers, without makeing any distinction and never concern ourselves in the Affairs of the Princesse of the Countrey, our businesse being only to buy of them that will sell, and sell to them that will buy. Your Ex^{cy}: is a Person of Great understanding and of a great and nobel mind w^{tt}: need I trouble your Ex^{cy}: with more words.

Nathaniell Higginson.

To Cassa Ramana.

I Enjoy Good health and am Glad to understand the like of your Hon^{r}:, by your Hon^{rs}: Lett^{rs}: wherein you are pleased to give a perticuler Acco^{t}: of Affairs and y^{e}: Greate Employm^{t}: bestowed on yor: Hon^{r}: I thanke yor: Hon^{r}: for the good Advice you give me and for the Expressions and promises of your kindnesse to us. You write to me not to suffer severall people to come into this towne, after your Army had beaten Alle Merdun Cawn great numbers of the Countrey people ran hither from the towns round about us and if in such any of those you mention are crept in under disguise yor: Hon^{r}: knows very well it is not possible for me to know them, but haveing given orders to my watching Peons they bro^{t}: mee word y^{t}: two of y^{m}: were comeing in, I immediately Ordered not to lett them passe & they went away, you know wee are Merch^{ts}: and drive our trade in all parts and keep freindship with all men as becomes strangers to doe, I have been well inform'd your Hon^{r}: has been allways a great freind to us, and doubt not of the Continuance of your freindship, by w^{ch}: I hope yor: Hon^{r}: will never be a looser, you are a wise and Good man, I need say noe more, but that I am

Nathaniell Higginson.

To Mr. John Haynes, Second &c^{a}: Jan^{ry}: 23^{d}: 1692–3.
Councill at Fort St. David.

Our last was y^{e}: 19th: Ins^{t}: per Gingerlee Brigantine by w^{ch}: sent you Lead and Stores amounts as per Invoice and bill of Ladeing to Pago^{ds}: 1398 : 19 : 02 : This comes by sloop Cawdree on w^{ch}: is Laden Consign'd to you wth: sundry stores amounts as per bill of Ladeing and invoice inclosed to Pago^{ds}: 3126: 34: 2: for the Freight whereof you are to pay Pago^{ds}: $12\frac{1}{2}$ hasten the Brigantine to us wth: bales and the remainder by y^{e}: first Good oppertunity they being design'd for the Ladeing of y^{e}: Barkly Castle and must be here in 10 dayes or elce will come too late, and send us what bookes of Acco^{ts}: you have ready to be transmitted to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Company.

Mr. Robert Cranwell takes his passage upon this sloop he is of Merch^{ts}: standing, but not having behaved himselfe well in his late employment, we order y^{t}: you employ him not as one of Councill nor as Steward till our further order in the meantime you may employ him in such manner as you shall find him fitt for.

John Bush goes on this sloop & has an Acco^{t}: of y^{e}: stores on board her, he is entertain'd one of your Gunners mates, and may doe well for Cuddalore his pay 7 Pag^{ds}: per mencim, wee remain

Your Loveing Freinds

J. GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRAZER.
WILL: HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

P.S.—By y^{s} sloop goes an Iron chest for y^{e}: use of y^{e}: Mint in y^{e}: tiller whereof is 1000 Pag^{ds}: for w^{ch}: you have Jo^{n}: Bushes rec^{t}:, inclosed is y^{e}: 2 keys of y^{e}: chest & y^{e}: key of y^{e}: tiller is made up in a bundle & dd̃: to him. J.G.

TO ROBERT ATKINSON MASTER
OF THE BRIGANTINE GENGERLE.

On receipt hereof you are to repair aboard said Brigantine & wth: y^{e}: first oppertunity of wind and weather to weigh anchor and sett saile & make y^{e}: best of your way for the most speedy attaining of y^{e}: Port of Fort St David where w^{n}: you are arrived you are to send ashoare our Lr̃e herewith dd̃: you to Mr. John Haynes 2^{d}: &c^{a}: Councill & to follow their orders for yor: unladeing & reladeing wherein wee expect your utmost dilligence for dispatch. Wee have ordered them to returne the Brigantine back to us as soon as possible wth: a Ladeing of bales, and you are to take care y^{t}: the vessell be well [*lacuna*] to prevent damage, Dated in Fort St. George this 29th: day of Jan^{ry}: 1692-3.

J. GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

TO MR. JOHN HAYNES 2^{D}: &C^{A}:
COUNCILL AT FORT ST. DAVID.

Our last was y^{e}: 23th: Ins^{t}: wee have received yours of y^{e}: 23th: & 24th: Ins^{t} & take notice of the contents tho little thereof requires our answer only wee have paid your bill for Pag^{ds}: 1000 Drawn y^{e}: 23th: Ins^{t}: payable to Mr. Hatsell for w^{ch}: you are to give us Creditt

Lett Verdapa your Mint Bramine come hither, If y^{e}: Mint businessẽ does permitt his absence for a Fortnight, he haveing requested for leave.

Goe on wth: yor: Repayres of the Fortification & make Provision allso of Chiniam & Brickes for Building Goodownes & Lodgeings, w^{ch}: Mr. Hatsell has represented to us to be necessary and wee shall by y^{e}: first oppertunity send you a supply of Maddapollam Teake.

After you have sent us the bales you intend by y^{e}: Brigantine, & Wellfair, Continue to send more as your Cloths come in and as Oppertunity offers.

This Evening wee rec^{d}: yor: of 26th: wee have not small gũs enough to supply your wants for Cuddalore. This sloop brings you Gũpowder and small shott.

Mr. Hatsell acquaints us y^{t}: y^{e}: renters had a promise of protection at their first comeing but tis not to be supposed to have been intended a Protection against their own Prince but against their Enimyes.

If you make a practice of such Protections, you cannot expect to live in peeice wth: y^{e}: Goverm^{t}: but they will be allways makeing demands of their serv^{ts}: and Debtors and obstruct your businesse. Therefore if Rama Raja dos persist in his demands you may fairly enough tell y^{m}: y^{t}: at their first comeing you promised to secure y^{m}: from y^{e}: Moors, but now, they being Gone, & Rama Raja Demanding their Acco^{ts}: they must render Acco^{ts}: to their Prince, w^{ch}: you doe not understand nor can undertake to determine, is It then very probable y^{t}: they will of

themselves contrive wayes for their own security & Escape & free you from quarrelling w[th]: Rama Raja in their behalfe, w[ch]: If you should once engage in, & should at last be forced to d̃d: y[m]: up, y[t]: would be dishonourable as you write, Therefore order y[m]: to repair forthwith to their respective habitations and write Rama Raja y[t]: when his Enimyes made Incurtions into those parts you protected his subjects who fled to you for security of their persons but the enimyes being gone, you have ordered them to goe home & y[t]: you have received orders for so doing.

However you doe well to consider yo[r]: own security by strength[en]ing those parts w[ch]: are most likely to be attacked, you have now a good supply of stores wee will suddingly send some men by boats w[th]: Necessary Commissions for Officers and the steel w[ch]: was before omitted.

Wee have formerly write to you for a true Acco[t]: of your remaines ultimo September last hasten it to us by y[e]: very first oppertunity We are

Your Loveing freinds

Fort St. George
Jan[ry]: 30th: 1692–3.

J. Goldsborough.
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
Willam Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

To Mr. Charles Barwell
Second att Vizagapatam.

Wee have rec[d]: yo[rs]: of 19th: Ins[t]: and take notice of what you write Concerning yo[r]: Merch[ts]: failure in performance of their Contract y[e]: Seer Lascars Threatning & abusive Lr̃e to you & yo[r]: request for comeing [*lacuna*] and shall give Answar thereunto by yo[r]: Cheife who will probably be goeing hence by y[e]: Barkly Castle in 10 days & wee give you notice thereof y[t]: you may be the more dilligent in getting ready w[tt]: bales you can possibly to put aboard her, for wee shall order her not to stay in yo[r]: road above 48 hours & you may be preparing yo[r]: invoice bills of Ladeing and advices for Bengall for the Quicker dispatch, we are

Your Loveing freinds

Fort St. George
Jan[ry]: 31st: 1692–3.

J. Goldsborough.
Nath: Higginson.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

To Mr. John Haynes 2[D]: &c[A]:
Councill at Fort St. David.

Our last was 30th: past y[s]: incloses a boats rec[t]: for 41 Timbers bought for you at y[e]: rate of p[as]: $3\frac{1}{2}$ per Timber cost 143[pa]: 18[fa]: for w[ch]: you are to give us creditt, the owner is to pay y[e]: Freight of y[e]: timbers & y[n]: for y[e]: unladeing wee have promised y[e]: boat man, you shall soon dispatch him. Inclosed is a list of soldiers w[ch]: comes by y[e]: same boat. Wee remaine

Fort St. George
Feb[ry]: 4th: 1692–3.

Yo[r]: Lov[g]: freinds

J. Goldsborough.
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler

P.S.—Herew[th]: you have Com̃issions for the Officers viz[t]: one for Capt: James Leslie one for Ensigne Robert Reay, & the 3[d]: for Ensigne Nath: Eyton.

J.G.

To Mr. Charles Barwell
Second att Vizagapatam.

This comes to you by the Brigantine, William Martine Master, on receipt hereof you are forthwith to lade so many bales upon her as she will take in and so many as are ready, & consign her (Agent Charnock dying on Jan^{ry}: last) to the R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: Francis Ellis Agent &c^{a}: Council at Chuttanutte in Bengall, in the dispatch whereof you are to use yor: utmost Dilligence so as not to loose one houre, The season of the yeare and the occasion for her early arrivall in Bengall requires Expedition and therefore while the bales are goeing of let y^{e}: Invoice and bills of ladeing be doeing y^{t}: she may not stay for y^{m}:

Inclosed are severall querys made by His Ex^{cy}: y^{e}: Commissary Generall, upon Mr. Du Bois his acco^{t}: wth: y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: &c^{a}: w^{ch}: cannot be brought to a finall state till the said querys are resolved, We desire you therefore to enquire into and give us your report of every perticuler as soon as you can. Wee are

Your loveing freinds

Fort St. George
Feb^{ry}: Y^{E}: 8th: 1692–3.

J. Goldsborough.
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

To Mr. Henry Stanly Cheife
&c^{a}: Councill att Ballasore.

Wee send y^{s}: by y^{e}: Brigantine, William Martin Master, to advise you, y^{t}: wee shall dispatch y^{e}: Berkley Castle directly for England from hence and have ordered y^{e}: Brigantine to take in as many bales at Vizagapatam as she can carry and to proceed directly to Chuttanutte, wth: our advises & the said bales to help to fill up y^{e}: Charles y^{e}: 2^{d}: or the Sampson, or to deliver them aboard such ships as she meets wth:in y^{e}: road or river w^{ch}: wee acquaint you wth: not knowing w^{tt}: orders you may have rec^{d}: from y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: Concerning y^{e}: Expected Berkely Castle, wee are

Your Loveing freinds

Fort St. George
Feb^{ry}: Y^{E}: 8th: 1692–3.

John Goldsborough.
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

To William Martin
Master of Gengerlee Brigantine.

Upon receipt hereof you are fothwith to repair on board said Brigantine & weigh Anchor & sett saile & make y^{e}: best of yor: way for y^{e}: most speedy attaining of y^{e}: port of Vizagapatam where you are to d̃d: a Lr̃e to M^{r}. Barwell &c^{a}: Councill whome wee have ordered to lade aboard you as many bales as y^{e}: Brigantine will carry (or so many as they have ready) w^{ch}: being effected you are then to proceed for Chuttanutte in Bengall and deliver our Paquett & the Vizagapatam Lr̃e to the R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: Francis Ellis Esqr: Agent &c^{a}: Councill whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings.

But if you meet wth: y^{e}: Charles y^{e}: 2^{d}: or y^{e}: Sampson in Ballasore road or in y^{e}: river consigned for England, you are then to deliver the Vizagapatam bales aboard y^{e}: ship for w^{ch}: purpose you herewth: receive an order to y^{e}: respective Commanders for takeing them aboard for w^{ch}: take 3 receipts and d̃d: y^{m}: to the Agent at Chuttanutte.

The season of y^{e}: year & y^{e}: necessity of our advices arriveing early in Bengall requires your utmost dilligence & expedition both in saling & in receiveing y^{e}: Goods at Vizagapatam wee dd̃: you a lr̃e to Mr. Stanly Cheife of Ballasore, w^{ch}: if you meet with an oppertunity in passing through Ballasore road or in goeing up y^{e}: river, you must send to him, but you must not stop or loose time for it, wee wish you a good voyage and date these in Fort St. George this 8th: day of Feb^{ry}: 1692–3.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

TO MR. JOHN HAYNES 2^{D}: &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT FORT ST. DAVID.

Since our last of y^{e}: 30th: wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 28th wth: 104 Bales, our Merch^{ts}: offer to pay into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Cash at Fort St. David Pag^{ds}: 1300: w^{ch}: you are to receive and draw bills upon us for the same, payable to Timapa &c^{a}: Company of Merchants.

Wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of 6th: Ins^{t}: by y^{e}: Wellfare & y^{e}: Invoice and bill of Ladeing for bales 104 & 2 chests of Indigo & hope you will have an oppertunity to send us more bales time enough for ladeing on y^{e}: Berkly Castle w^{ch}: wee intend God willing to dispatch on y^{e}: 25th: or 27th: Ins^{t}: therefore send us yor: Advices to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Generall Books Coppys of Acco^{ts}: & Consultations w^{ch}: will be ready by y^{t}: time.

Wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of 7th: Ins^{t}: as to y^{e}: Morattas it is probable y^{t}: they will emprove all oppertunity of Quarrilling with you when freed from their enimy y^{t}: they may have some pretence to obstruct yor: businesse & force money from you for clearing it, and this has been y^{e}: Constant practice of y^{e}: Countrey Goverm^{t}: & is y^{e}: reason why wee are not to Give y^{m}: just occasion, as wee shall doe by harbouring & protecting y^{e}: Duans servants & Debtors against their Masters demands. If a servant & Debtor to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: should run away from us & shelter himselfe under y^{e}: protection of Countrey Gov^{rs}: wee then should thinke it very hard y^{t}: they should detain & protect him, & bid us come to their Court and make our demands, Have wee more reason or Authority to detain & protect Rama Rajas Servants & Debtors and bid him send his Attornys into our Courts & prove his demands & wee will doe him justice. By w^{tt}: Authority doe wee pretend to sett up Courts of Justice in his Countrey to deside Causes & Acco^{ts}: depending between him & y^{e}: farmers of his revenues, but if you doe erect such Court doe any of you understand how to adjust & give a true judgment in such matters, or if you did it is rationable to thinke y^{t}: Rama Raja will not submit to your Judgement if it be given against him it is not our businesse or interest to assume or aime at such a jurisdiction & Dominion over Princesse, It is enough for us if wee can protect & governe our own servants, Merch^{ts}: & Inhabitants, who thô they are originally his subjects yet are by vertue of our Cowle become ours & wee must clame & maintain our right to protect y^{m}: & so long as he permits us to enjoy y^{t}: wee may very well allow him to Governe his owne servants & Subjects whome wee are not concerned wth: our maine designe is trade w^{ch}: cannot be managed within our own bounds wee must be obliged to Rama Raja for permitting our Merch^{ts}: to buy Cloth for y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: out of our wall & therefore it is our interest to keep peeice wth: him as long as wee can, you have a Garrison to defend you when he invards [*sic*] you y^{n}: will be yor: time to bring y^{m}: into better manners, But there is no occasion to invite him or provoke him to invade you for the sake of y^{e}: Renters, for you cannot by their assistance or your own forces carry on a trade in his Countrey whether he will or no, If you thinke you can, pray lett us know it, and we will consider further thereof it.

You say y^{e}: Renters were promised protection from all unjust pretences Mr. Hatsell says they were promised protection from Rama Rajas Enimys who were y^{n}: overrunning those parts w^{ch}: was just & Honble: but if you mean y^{e}: unjust pretences of Rama Raja, y^{e}: question still returns, how can you understand or determine Rama Rajas Pretences upon y^{m}: are just or no, you add, y^{t}: these Rent^{rs}: will build a wall & be further usefull, But would not a warr wth: Rama Raja be more prejudiciall & will you give him an occasion when you are sencible he is lakeing one.

You doe well to advise us y^{r}: intelligence or apprehensions of y^{e}: Morattas or French designes Goe on wth: Repairing your Fortifications and keep yourselfes in a Posture of Defence, If you apprehend any dainger of Invasion, Tho wee hope the French ships will not trouble you there being 10 Dutch ships at Ballasore & a Fleet at Zealon to watch their motions.

You express yourselves very wittily and sharply about y^{e}: Timbers sent you hence y^{t}: they seem to be old refuse of many years standing in Madrass, They never were ashoare in Madrass, but rec^{d}: and bought in the boat y^{t}: brot them, and they being but of 12 or 15 foot long were not designed to make beams of 21 foot long w^{ch}: are intended to be sent you as soon as wee can gett a conveyance, the Countrey boats cannot take y^{m}: in, & these were thought a good Penny-worth, Considering y^{e}: Freight &c^{a}: Charges saved, & wee know not how to send you any so cheape, 'tis true they are old Maddapollam Timbers, but the better for use, and those of 15 foot long if not rotten worth about 4 Pago^{ds}: in Madrasse w^{ch}: makes amends for the rest, wee are.

Your Loveing friends,

Fort St. George
Feb^{ry}: y^{e}: 13th: 1692–93.

J. Goldsborough.
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

To M^{R}: John Haynes 2^{D}: &c^{A}:
Councill att Fort St. David.

His Ex^{cy}: &c^{a}: have ordered me to Acquint you y^{t}: y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: have given orders for examining Mr. James Watsons Acco^{ts}: and perticulerly y^{t}: Acco^{t}: wherein he has been charged wth: y^{e}: remaines of yor: Acco^{ts}: when you d͞d: over to him y^{e}: Employm^{t}: of Buxe at Cassumbuzzar w^{ch}: he alledged in his Life time y^{t}: he never rec^{d}: and y^{t}: they ought to be charged to yor: Acco^{t}: & not to his, you are therefore desired to informe his Ex^{cy}: &c^{a}: w^{tt}: you know of y^{t}: matter, y^{t}: a report thereof may be made to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}:

Your humble Servant,
Samuel Wilson
Sec^{ry}:

Fort St. George
Feb^{ry}: 16th: 1692–93.

To Raum Daus Vincatadre
Govern^{R}: of Pullamulle.

I enjoy good health and am glad to hear of yo^{rs}: I received yor: Lett^{r}: by w^{ch}: I understand y^{e}: Hon^{r}: w^{ch}: His Excell^{cy}: Arsamanaigue has Confered on you in the Goverm^{t}: of Pullamulle, wee are become neighbours & therefore should be friends, and as you write very freindly and plainly to mee to I will give you a plain answer and y^{t}: is the best way for us to understand one another ar^{t}: and to keep freindship I am a Merchant that trades for my Masters, and drive a trade in all parts of India with all sorts of Nations indefferently and therefore must keep

peace with all men and Give strict orders to my Servants that noe stranger suffer any abuse in my Goverm^{t}: under the Colour of Merch^{ts}: and Buzarmen I understand there have come severall people into this town of late because all adjacent parts are troubled with Armyes and soldiers sometimes those that belong to Arsuma Nague and sometimes those that belong to Rama Raja and when they are afraid they come hither, I dont know nor consider who they are, and while they live quietly and peaceably all strangers are alike wellcome, being not concerned in any warr and if anybody makes a disturbance hereabouts, I dont care for their company, and therefore many days agoe gave strict order never to suffer Gopall Naranda to returne hither, who it seems came in privately and went out againe, and has made a nois in the Countrey, y^{t}: I have not the good fortune to know you but my servants all tell me y^{t}: you are a very wise man and doe very well understand all this Countrey, you know our customs and manner of liveing that wee always give a free liberty for all men to come and goe and buy and sell as they please and dont inquier who they are and whence they come and whether they goe, and how can I act otherwise, If you were in my place what would you doe, Pray give me your advice and Continue our old freindship for this place and to mee.

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: CHARLES FLEETWOOD
GOVERNR: OF YORK FORT ATT BENCOOLEN AND ALL
PLACES ON Y^{E}: WEST COAST OF SUMATRA &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

1st: By Capt: Howell in y^{e}: Diamond on y^{e}: 24th: Dec^{r}: wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 12th: of Sep^{t}: last by w^{ch}: you drew a bill upon us for 6498: P^{s}: for y^{e}: vallew rec^{d}: but doe not give us the perticulers thereof as you ought to have done, & w^{ch}: wee requier you hereafter to doe in the like case, nor doe you give us such ample advices of all things as you should, but referr us to the comeing of the Sattisfaction for them, who is not come yet, Just as if you were not at Leasure once in a Quarter or $\frac{1}{2}$ a year to write anything to us but y^{e}: Covert & advice of a bill of exchange drawne upon us which Certainly is not to be suffer'd or indured, but wee hope for the future you will be lesse Negligent & not Omitt writeing to us by every oppertunity y^{e}: state of your Affairs and not when one ship is Comeing send us word you will write by the next.

2^{d}: Wee are glad to hear you are in peace wth: all yor: Neighbours and desire you to doe your utmost Indeavors to Continue it wth: them, for our R^{t}: Honble: Masters Interest there is not warr, unlesse forced thereto.

3^{d}: Wee have laden the Maddapollam with Provisions and stores from England and Bengall wth: armes and Amunition Treasure &c^{a}: Amo^{ts}: as per invoice and bill of Ladeing Pago^{ds}: [*lacuna*] and allso sent upon her an Ensigne a Serjant & 12 soldiers, and Mr. Willson who was sent out to be Second to the Govr: at Bencoolen whome wee require you to receive accordingly and Mr. Butterfeild is to returne to us hither by y^{e}: 1st ship if Mr. Fleetwood and Mr. Samuel Wilson shall be then liveing, Wee have allso sent Mr. John Vere who came out a writer for your place, and because wee know not w^{tt}: want of writers you may have, and knowing how hard it is to gett any out of England wee have entertained Robert Henderson and David Davis, as writers haveing taken their owne bonds and Comended them as such home, who you may make use of till our Masters pleasure is known concerning them and they have given security in England for their trust.

4th: By y^{e}: Invoice you will see wee have supplyed you wth: 19680 $\frac{5}{8}$ of Mexicoe Dollars for to buy pepper to send hither the Sampson being now in Bengall and thought cannot be laden thence in March, therefore wee have ordered the Agent and Councill to send her away in March to you and would have you when she arrives wth: you if you can fill her up wth: pepper to the saltpetre she brings, to Compleat her ladeing and send her home to England from

thence, but if you cannot procure pepper enough to compleat her ladeing y^{u}: send her to us to Madrasse wth: w^{tt}: pepper you can get w^{ch}: if you doe wee charge you not to keep her their nor the Maddapollam neither beyond the middle or at the utmost the 20th July next.

5. Mr. Wilson brings wth: him y^{e}: Copys of all things necessary for the Examining and settleing yor: Acco^{ts}: to rights w^{ch}: have been long behind hand & wee desire he may have all the assistance therein that can bee given him the Invoices you write for, he hath amongst the rest, and be sure to put all things into the best method and order you can against y^{e}: Commissarys comeing to you who intends to be there the first oppertunity he can find leisure.

6. The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: in their Generall Letter w^{ch}: came by y^{e}: Barkely Castle and are inclosed herewith doe very often expresse how much the Nations Interest as well as their own is Concerned in the securing and flourishing of your settlem^{t}: and w^{tt}: a value they put upon those who serve them Faithfully and dilligently therein, The Encomium they give of Mr. Bloome, and y^{e}: rew^{d}: intended him if he had been liveing, may bee a just Incouragem^{t}: to yourselves, besides y^{e}: large allowanc and priviledges w^{ch}: are indulged to you above others of their servants the said Generall Lett^{rs}: give you a very perticuler directions for y^{e}: managem^{t}: of their businesse, the perusall whereof gives us Occasion to recommend to you the Following rules & proposealls.

7. Their Hon^{rs}: &c^{a}: doe take notice of two Errors in Mr. Bloome vizt: Engroseing the trade to himselfe and Setting to high a price on Coast Goods w^{ch}: made y^{e}: Natives chuse rather to carry their pepper to ye Dutch, these two things be sure to observe & remidy by letting all persons that desire it have w^{tt}: liberty of trade y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble Comp^{a}: have allowed, & sett not above 50 per cent Profit on Coast Goods w^{ch}: being duely observed must needs draw y^{e}: trade of pepper more to you & lower the price thereof, & wee hope noe private interest will sett up against this Publique Good.

8. Wee requier you to be very frugall in all sorts of your expences both in y^{e}: Garrison and otherwise, for it is a vast expence and all out of Pockett whilst the warr in Europe hinders y^{t}: trade y^{t}: should bear it, & allso wee recommend to yor: great care the dilligent promoteing and raseing y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: revenues in all things reasonable that may be lade without prejudice to the Good of the place, and the Commissary hopes you will so effectually performe it y^{t}: he may find nothing at his Comeing thither to add to itt.

9. By the Pearle you rec^{d}: 10 Maddagascar slaves by y^{e}: Tonqueen Merch^{t}: 100 & by y^{e}: Little Josia 100, a great Number w^{ch}: have cost y^{e}: Company a great Su͞m & y^{t}: they may be employ'd & Govrd: to advantage, wee recommend to you the Following Rules vizt: The Slaves are to be constantly employed in some worke or other, according as they are fitt for it vizt:

Some under Carpenters, Bricklayers, Smiths, Sawyers, &c^{a}:, in makeing Bricks & Chinam In carrying Pepper &c^{a}: Goods, & in y^{e}: Cookroom to keep y^{e}: Factory and Lodgeing roomes clean & sweet. In planting and gardening y^{e}: ground being reported so fertile as to bare allmost anything wth: little tillage, for w^{ch}: purpose certain peices of Ground to be lade out for the maintenance of y^{m}: selves & y^{e}: rest of the slaves. Cutting or draining the swamp or Moorish ground under the Fort Hill.

Twenty or thirty as soldiers, but to be kept under very sevear and strict discipline & Co͞mand, & never to have armes in their own keeping but when they are in Exercise or upon duty.

10. Those that are perverse, surly and lazy or theivish or Co͞mitt any other crime to be punisht wth: severity but without cruelty, But those that are dilligent willing to worke or doe any signall service, to be rewarded wth: some allowance of Wages, or better Cloths or Lodging &c^{a}:

11. To have all their full allowance of victualls fitt for them.

12. To be all lodged in a brick Compound built so as being divided in the middle by a wall may make 2 equall squares Compounds each haveing Lodgeings

built all y^{e}: sides of the square, Tarast at Topp w^{th}: severall partitions sufficient to hold tenn each, w^{th}: Locks and barrs to y^{e}: door, and other smaller partitions for those that are marryed, and all to be compelled to repair to their severall Lodgeings from their worke by 6 a clock at night (Except such as are upon duty as Centinalls) and by 7 or 8 a clock at furthest the doors of the Larger partition to be lock't & bard & y^{e}: Gates of y^{e}: Compound y^{e}: Keys whereof to be lodged w^{th}: the Governor & in the morning to be Lett out to their appoynted worke.

13. A discreet man to be appointed w^{th}: an assistant to be overseer of their Lodgeings, Dyet, worke, &c^{a}: who is to take a list of their names, & muster y^{m}: dayley at their severall works & at night and morning.

14. If any of y^{m}: prove troublesome & Quarrellsome or if you find you have to many, send them to Fort St George, (in Irons if you see cause) either by the $Comp^{as}$: or private shipping, and if any private ship refuses to take y^{m}: in or a Convenient number, for two $Pago^{ds}$: a head you furnishing their Provisions and water lett y^{m}: have noe Pepper, not trade w^{th}: you nor on the West Coast of Sumatra and advise us thereof.

15. Send some to Indrapore, but not to many for the Number of English there, for fear of mischiefe.

16. Buy & keep in store as much Pepper as you can & send some to Fort St. George by every ship of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: C: w^{n}: you have store enough for the dispatch of an Europe ship.

17. The R^{t}: Honble: $Comp^{a}$: doe allow y^{e}: private ships to trade in pepper & to buy it at your ports paying a halfe Penny per pound towards their Charges Garrison &c^{a}: but there are two things to be considered 1st: y^{t}: you have not y^{e}: liberty of Gratifying yor: freinds as you please w^{th}: Pepper out of y^{e}: $Comp^{as}$: stores, to y^{e}: prejudice of their own occasions, and never but in case of an overplush of pepper or necessity of money for Charges &c^{a}: as wee suppose y^{t}: was y^{e}: occasion w^{n}: you furnished Capt: Howell in the Diamond w^{th}: a large quantity. But rather supply y^{e}: Private ships w^{th}: Pepper by assisting y^{m}: to procure it w^{th}: their own stock. 2^{d}. Not to furnish any private ship w^{th}: y^{e}: $Comp^{as}$: stores of pepper at so low rate as y^{t}: y^{e}: $Comp^{a}$: should loose their charges Merchandize Wast & Interest w^{ch}: they may very well allow to pay (besides y^{e}: halfe Penny per pound) for the Convenience of a supply & dispatch.

18. Make your Fortifications as strong as you can, & in Generall lett all buildings be made of Good Materialls & dureable.

19. Lodgeings for the R^{t}: Honble: $Comp^{as}$: Servants & y^{e}: soldiers & slaves convenient & of sufficeint defence against the weather, the Ground floor to be raised 3 or 4 foot w^{th}: Corall rock fitted up w^{th}: sand well washed & dryed & lay a floor of bricks upon it, w^{th}: Chinam for wee have heard y^{t}: way has done much good in such unhealthy places.

20. Godowns large enough to contain 500 or 1000 Tons Pepper divided by parti[t]ion Walls into severall Godowns to be made all of brick & Tarrast & y^{e}: sides of y^{e}: walls well bound by timbers of about 70 foot long & double as in y^{e}: Margint placed in y^{e}: North East Corner of Godown compound to run along y^{e}: river side & y^{t}: end next y^{e}: town lett be strong enough to bear 2 or 3 small Gunns, w^{ch}: will both command the river & y^{e}: Town.

21. The cover of all your buildings to be Tarrast & y^{t}: it may y^{e}: better carry of Great rains w^{th}: out receiveing damage lett it be a little rased in y^{e}: middle so as to cause a desent to each side of about $\frac{1}{4}$ Inch for every foot.

22. Mr. Sowden built an upper story for his own Lodgeing on a building w^{ch}: was at first not intended to be built higher, and above y^{t}: has built another room. Its very probable y^{e}: foundation y^{t}: was designed at 1st: for one room only will not bear two superstructures If so you had better pull down the upper room then hazard the whole building.

23. If the Ditch w^{ch}: Mr Bloome began be not deep Enough for draining y^{e}: swamp, lett it be cutt deeper and at y^{e}: outlett into y^{e}: River, lett a sluice be made to lett up and downe, to Coñand y^{e}: Passage of y^{e}: Water from the Great river in

the time of y^{e}: Freshes or Great Raines or consider whether the currant of y^{e}: Water may not more conveniently bee turned to run from the river thro' the Ditch to be continued round the Fort Hill into the Sea. If that be feasable the Entrance of y^{e}: Water from the River into the Ditch must be governed by a sluice just wth: out w^{ch}: drive stakes pretty near one to another y^{t}: y^{e}: Water may drain thro' them and no Rubbish or nastinesse enter into y^{e}: Ditch & at y^{e}: end of y^{e}: Ditch to y^{e}: Sea y^{e}: outlett of y^{e}: Water must be governed by a sluice without such greater y^{t}: if any Rubbish goes in from y^{e}: River it may Passe freely out. But before you undertake it you must consider well & be assured y^{t}: y^{e}: Seashore is not higher then y^{e}: Swamp & consider whether a Ditch may not be cut on y^{t}: side of y^{e}: swamp w^{ch}: is towards y^{e}: great Hill to convey y^{e}: Water y^{t}: falls from it into y^{e}: River and so prevent its running into the Swamp.

24. Herewith wee send you y^{e}: bonds of Robert Henderson & David Davis for serveing y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: as Writers for 5 years, & y^{e}: bond of Gilhis Mina for serving as a Mallay & Java Linguist for 4 years or in any other businesse at 10 Dollars per Mencim he is to take place next to y^{e}: Factors & to eat at the Generall Table and If he prove serviceable as a Linguist is to be treated in such manner as to have some respect among y^{e}: Mallays. Wee have advanced in part of sallary comencing from y^{e}: 20th: Ins^{t}: vizt: to Mr John Vear, Robert Henderson & David Davis each Pago^{ds}: 20 and to Gilhis Mina Pago^{ds}: 30. Inclosed is a List of the soldiers & Gun crew all paid to the end of Aprill next.

25. The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: have often recomended the Encouragem^{t}: of y^{e}: Chines to settle at Bencoolen the most likely Instrument to promote Building planting Manufactoris and trade & If any of y^{m}: are come among you lett them have Ground to build on and that their Buildings range the more regularly and all stand at a convenient distance from y^{e}: Fort, lay out the streets and divisions by Lines and greatify them in all their reasonable requests.

26. If Hoggs are offensive to the Malays lett them be kept in Compounds to prevent their runing into the Malay Town.

27. Among the soldiers, Willis who came out a Serjant from England pretends to be a Carpenter & therefore wee have sent him, tho otherwise not so fitt for your place being troublesome w^{n}: in Drinke he has promised Reformation & if he proves sober, make use of his Carpenters art as you have occasion, but if he proves troublesome return him to us. The rest have all behaved themselves soberly here, and wee have chosen them for that reason. There is allso John Cooper & John Heady bred a joyner & Gardener, Young men who may be usefull in their trades. Edward Tayler has a Comission of Ensigne & is to be continued such so long as he continues sober & dilligent.

28. Wee hear Mr Fleetwood has learned something of the Malay Language, Hee would doe well to Cause it to be discoursed att y^{e}: Generall Table wherein y^{e}: Linguist will be of use & may promote the Teaching of that usefull Language to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Companys servants.

29. The R^{t}: Honble: C: in their Gen^{ll}: Lrẽ of Feb^{ry}: 1691–2 give you Orders concerning Sillebar, their Customs of 5 per cent & makeing white Pepper, whereunto wee need not add only give us an acco^{t}: what you doe therein.

30. Send us a Platt or draught of your Fortification & compound & take in the Fort Hill, y^{e}: great Hill, & the Swamp between wth: y^{e}: River and lett y^{e}: Compasse lines be drawn upon it, wth: such remarkes as you thinke fitt for our information.

31. Send us an acco^{t}: of our reall Stock & stores, a List of w^{tt}: you want. A List of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: servants & their stations & of y^{e}: soldiers and y^{e}: slaves and how Employ'd.

32. Send us Copys of yor Diarys Consultations and Letters rec^{d}: and sent to remain here besides those for Europe.

33. The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: have frequently urged y^{e}: promoteing of y^{e}: healthinesse of y^{e}: place & are willing to allow any reasonable charge for y^{t}:

purpose. There are two things w^{ch} : have been very destructive to the soldiers and will allways be soe till they are remedyed one is y^{t} : they sleep wett either abroad in y^{e} : Dues and Foggs, or in lodegings y^{t} : are not built tite enough to keep y^{m} : dry Another is a Custome w^{ch} : has been to much practised by y^{e} : Cheifs or some under y^{m} : vizt : y^{e} : Engroseing of Liquors & retailing of it to y^{e}. soldiers at more y^{n} : double y^{e} : cost, w^{ch} : eats out y^{e} : greatest part of their pay so y^{t} : they have not enough left to buy victualls & they drinke to much, To prevent w^{ch} : for the future, make a Tryall of this method. Lett y^{e} : soldiers y^{t} : desire it have a constant dayly allowance by measure once or twice a day, out of yor : stores of arrack or brandy at a certain rate to be computed so as y^{t} : y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : may not loose by it, and lett y^{e} : allowance be such as will leave y^{m} : enough of their pay for other necessarys, if you find y^{s} : practisable y^{e} : managem^{t} : of it may be comitted to y^{e} : Pay Master, but y^{e} : Govr : himselfe must take y^{e} : paines at 1st to see it done in such a method as may prevent y^{e} : Paymasters abuseing of y^{e} : soldiers, or y^{e} : soldiers quarrelling wth : y^{e} : Paymaster, If the Comp^{as} : Stores of Liquors shall at any time fail y^{e} : Cheif &c^{a} : Councill may buy more.

34. Send us an answer to every Parragraph of y^{s} : Lr̃e & lett us know w^{tt} : you doe in the severall Perticulers.

35. Wee observe w^{tt} : you write Concerning y^{e} : ill practice of y^{e} : Dutch, whereof take good notice, & make due Entryes in yor : Dyarys wth : attestations of such matters of Fact as you thinke of moment.

36. Send us y^{e} : Inventorys & y^{e} : Acco^{ts} : of Sale & nett proceeds paid into cash of y^{e} : Estates of Capt : John Kiddell Mr Ambros Moody, & Mr Rich^{d} : Knipe deceased there being severall of their correspondants here who have demands on them.

37. Inclosed is list of stores and mens wages of ship Maddapollam.

38. Wee send you cash & silver wth : Malay inscriptions per Invoice Incourage their Passeing by receiveing y^{m} : w^{n} : Offer'd to you in paym^{t} : & advise us by y^{e} : next oppertunity what quantity of each you want.

39. Haveing rec^{d} : no acco^{t} : from you of w^{tt} : stores you have & w^{tt} : you want & being willing to supply you wth : all things necessary possibly wee have sent you to many of some sorts for yor : use If [so] dont keep y^{m} : to spoil but returne y^{m} : to us

40. We provided Cattle to send you, but y^{e} : ship being to small to carry y^{m} : wee cannot send them now.

41. Acco^{t} : slaves in yor : Gen^{ll} : books must be debted to their cost, & monthly charges & be credited monthly by Charges Garrison Acco^{t} : Fortification Charges Gen^{ll} : Merchandize &c^{a} : According to y^{e}: Employm^{t} : they are appoynted to valluing their Labour at a moderate rate y^{t} : it may appear w^{tt} : service they doe.

42. The Bill of Exchange you mention in yo^{rs} : of 15th June last to have drawn upon us for ry$\frac{s}{8}$ 1300 : payable to Capt : Knox is paid wth : its interest, & you are to give us creditt for Pago^{ds} : 908 : 25 p^{d} : him in discharge of y^{t} : bill & one bill of 10 Pag^{s} : more.

43. In yor : said Lr̃e you mention yor : Visiting Indapoor Factory in yor : way to Bencoolen But you take no notice how you found their Acco^{ts} : &c^{a} : yor : Gen^{ll} : Books rec^{d} : therewith ending 30th : Aprill 1688 make y^{e} : Factory Debtor to Ballance Ry $\frac{s}{8}$ 91816 : 21 : & give y^{m} : no Creditt for anything rec^{d} : from thence y^{t} : year, wee are very doubtfull of y^{e} : state of their Acco^{ts} : being run behind hand so many years, It is high time they were bro't up & adjusted wth : yo^{rs} : in order to w^{ch} : wee order Mr Gibbons y^{e} : Cheife to repair to Yorke Fort & carry wth him Copys of all y^{t} Factorys Acco^{ts} : from y^{e} : begining, for w^{ch} : purpose as soon as you have unladen y^{e} : Maddapollam you may send her thither wth : y^{e} : stores necessary for the supply & lett Mr Butterfeild notwithstanding y^{e} : foregoeing order for comeing hither goe and supply y^{e} : place of cheife till Mr. Gibbons returnes it being necessary for the adjusting of the Acco^{ts} : of all y^{e} : West Coast y^{t} : Mr Gibbons be at Yorke Fort when y^{e} : Commissary shall come

thither, and lett not Mr Butterfeild be discouraged by his removeall to Indapoor only to supply y^{e}: absence of Mr Gibbons till his returne, for y^{e}: Commissary doth promise to consider y^{e}: service he shall doe their & to gratifye him otherwise to his sattisfaction, If Mr Butterfeild wants assistance he may take a writer wth: him.

44. Herewth: wee send you Mr Butterfeilds Indentures for Factor y^{e}: counterpart whereof wth: y^{e}: bond he must signe & seal & must be returned to us to send home to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Company.

45. Wee have advanced to Mr Wilson Pago^{ds}: 30: in part of sallary to be discounted in first payment of sallary.

46. Herewith is a Seal which y^{e}: Comissary Generall bro^{t}: out of England for your Factorys use.

47. Yesterday arrived y^{e}: Bencoolen Frigott from Tonqueen & bring a Generall Lr̃e from thence wherein they advise y^{t}: there is 58: 1: $7\frac{1}{5}$ wanting of the Invoice weight of 2 chests of Dollars sent from Bencoolen to Tonqueen by D^{o}: ship w^{ch}: wee order you to Enquire strictly into & cause Mr Sowden to make sattisfaction for the same if you find y^{t}: he has therein wronged y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: wee hear y^{t}: Mr Sowden weighed y^{e}: chests & Dollars together & tooke bills of Ladeing for the Grosse weight, give us a perticuler Acco^{t}: how you find it.

48. You have a great quantity of Porke & Beife of Bengall & Europe, order the Expence of it so that it may not be lost.

49. In the Pacquett you will find Coppys of the invoice and Acco^{t}: Necessarys from Bengall per ship Maddapollam w^{ch}: are sent you for your direction in the perticuler cost there thô they doe not agree wth our Invoice to you because wee have not sent you all that wee rec^{d}: we are

Your Loveing freinds

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

Fort St. George
March y^{e}: primo 1692–3.

LIST OF THE COMP^{AS}: PACKETT TO BENCOOLEN BY THE BARKLY CASTLE.

No. 1. Comp^{as}: Generall to Bencoolen dated y^{e}: 29th: Feb^{ry}: 1691–2.

2. Copy of Comp^{as}: Gen^{ll}: to D^{o}: dat: 19 Dec^{r}: 91 sent by y^{e}: Dorothy.

3. Coppy of the Companys Generall to Bencoolen dat: y^{e}: 12 June & 22th: August 1690 sent by y^{e}: Orange.

4. Copy of the Comp^{as}: Gen^{ll}: to D^{o}: dat: 19th: May 90 sent by y^{e}: Orange.

5. Copy of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Companys Generall to Indapoor dated y^{e}: 19th May 1690 sent by y^{e}: Orange.

6. Two Keys of chests of Medicines for Sumatra.

LIST OF THE PAQUET SENT TO BENCOOLEN BY THE MADDAPOLLAM.
Y^{E} PRIMO MARCH 1692–3.

No. 1. Bill of Ladeing of ship Maddapollam.

2. Invoice of ditto ship.

3. Coppyes of Invoice from Fort St. George to Bencoolen Comenceing y^{e}: 30th: March 85 & ending y^{e}: 21th: Jan^{ry}: 91–2.

4. Priaman settlem^{t}: its Acco^{ts}: Curr^{t}: as it stands in Fort St. George Generall Books from Feb^{ry}: 1684–5 to y^{e}: 31 April 1691.

5. List of Soldiers.

6. Right Honble: Companys Paquett by the Barkly Castle.

7. List of stores & mens wages of ship Maddapollam.

8. Robert Henderson's bond for writer.

9. David Davis bond for writer.

10. Coppy of a Parragraph of the Tonqueen Generall to Fort St. George dated y^e: primo December 1692.

11. Coppy of a Parragraph of the Bencoolen Generall to Tonqueen dated y^e: 3^d: August 1691.

12. Yorke Fort Invoice to Tonqueen.

13. Coppye of an attestation made concerning y^e: silver sent from Yorke Fort to Tonqueen.

14. Invoice of ship Maddapollam from Bengall to Madrasse amounts to rupees 4756 : 14 : 51.

15. Acco^t: Necessarys for the West Coast from Bengall dated y^e: 5th: Jan^ry: 1692–3 Amo^ts: to rupees 3502 : 5 : 00 :

16. Mr. Butterfeilds Indenturs and Bond.

17. Fort St. George Generall Letter dated y^e: 1st: March 93.

A Seal.

To Cap^T: Richard Harbin
Command^R: of ship Maddapollam.

You are hereby ordered upon rec^t: hereof to repair aboard said ship & w^th: the first Oppertunity of wind and weather weigh anchor and sett sail & make the best of your way for y^e: more speedy attaining of y^e: Port of Bencoolen Yorke Fort on y^e: West coast of Sumatra where when you arrive you are to send ashoare our Paquett directed to the Deputy Govr: &c^a: Councill unto whome you goe Consigned whose orders you are to follow for your unladeing Ladeing & further proceeding. Their being a considerable treasure aboard you for Bencoolen you are ordered not to goe out of your ship till you goe ashore at Bencoolen w^th: y^e: same, & their going severall Passengers, the R^t: Honble: Comp^as: Servants & Soldiers for whome wee have laid in Provision, you are to lett y^m: have your Assistance as they want it and y^e: best Accōodation w^ch: your ship affords & take care y^t: y^e: Provisions Laden for their use be not squandred or Embazeld, y^e: disposeall whereof wee have left to Mr Samuell Wilson whose orders you are to observe in y^e: distribution thereof. To whome give due respect as 2^d: of Bencoolen, we wish you a good voyage and date these in Fort St. George this 2^d: day of March 1692–3.

J. Goldsborough.
N. Higginson.
J. Dolben.
W. Fraser.
W. Hatsell.
Ja^s: Wheeler.

To Meerza Mossum Gov^R: of Polimulle.

Understanding y^t: Cassim Cawn y^e: Nabob of y^e: Curnatta Countrey has made y^o: Govr: of Pullamulle Countrey I congratulate yor: Hon^r: & I have sent my serv^t: Narran to lett you know how much I rejoyce that I have so good a man for my Neighbour on whose freindship I can depend you have done mee a great Hon^r: in bringing Cassim Cauns present to mee I desire you to accept of a small present w^ch: Narran will bring you, who will discourse you further about our affairs y^t: wee may keep Freindship w^th: Cassim Caun and yor:selfe, He will bring you Assid Cawns Perwanna concerning our Sallabad when ships are cast away & concerning 3 towns w^ch: Assid Cawn writes in his letter y^t: y^e: King has granted us w^ch: when Cassim Cawn understands, he will not be against it & I desire you to write to him for his Perwanna, you are a wise man I need not say noe more, then y^t: it is good for neighbours to be freinds.

Nathaniell Higginson.

To Mr John Haynes 2^{D}: &c^{A}:
Coun^{IL}: at Fort St. David.

In two days time wee shall dispatch to you from hence y^{e}: Bencoolen Frigott wth: Timber by w^{ch}: Conveyance you are to send to us as many bales as you can gett ready, & y^{e}: overplus of your Countrey Match w^{ch}: wee long time wrote to you for but you have forgott it, Wee want it very much for our Garrison use.

Yo^{r}: Lov^{g}: Freinds

Fort St. George
March 13th: 1692-3.

J. Goldsborough.
N. Higginson.
John Dolben.
Will: Fraser.
Will: Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

To Mr John Haynes 2^{D}: &c^{A}:
Coun^{LL}: at Fort St. David.

Our last was 13th: Ins^{t}: adviseing our intention of sending to you the Bencoolen Frigott to fetch yor: Bales she waits for a fair wind.

Wee want Coppy of yor: Gen^{ll}: Bookes A. to adjust yor: Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: in our Generall Books & you must not fail to finish your Bookes B. ending ultimo Sep^{t}: last, time enough to send home in July next wth: Copys for this place as soon as they are bro^{t}: to a Ballance send us yor: Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: Fort St. George y^{t}: wee may adjust your Account Currant in our Bookes.

It is a long time since you sent us Copys of yor: Diarys & Consultations, Monthly Acco^{ts}: Cash Expences Warehouse &c^{a}: If you want Assistance for writeing, The Factors and even those of Councill must not refuse to take paines when there is occasion.

Send us as soon [as] you can y^{e}: Amo^{t}: of all charges Expended, & all y^{e}: revenues rec^{d}: in Fort St. David from y^{e}: begining of the Settlement to y^{e}: end of January or Feb^{ry}: last, wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing Freinds

Fort St. George
March 18th: 1692-3.

John Goldsborough.
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

To Mr. John Haynes 2^{D}: &c^{A}:
Coun^{LL}: att Fort St. David.

Our last was of this days date Overland. This comes by y^{e}: Bencoolen Frigott to inclose invoice & bill of Ladeing for stores sent you Amo^{ts}: to Pag^{ds}: 475: 2: w^{ch}: hasten to unlade & dispatch her to us wth: w^{tt}: bales shall be y^{n}: ready wth: out staying for Embaleing more; Remember to send us the Countrey Match. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Lov^{g}: Freinds

Fort St. George
March 18th: 1692-3.

J. Goldsborough.
N. Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

TO MR. WILLIAM GRIFFIN
MASTER OF SHIP BENCOOLEN MERCHANT.

On rec^{t}: hereof you are forthwth: to repair aboard s^{d}: ship & weigh anchor and sett saile & make y^{e}: best of yor: way for the most speedy attaining of y^{e}: Port of Fort St. David Tevenapatam where when arrived you are to d̃d : o^{r}: Pacq^{t}: directed to Mr. John Haynes &c^{a}: Coun^{ll}: whose Orders you are to Follow for yor: unladeing Ladeing & returning wherein you are to use yor: utmost dilligence for its dispatch, wee wish you a Good voyage and date these in Fort St. George this 20th day of March 1692-3.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

TO MR JOHN HAYNES 2^{D} &C^{A}:
COUN^{LL}: AT FORT ST. DAVID.

Wee have thought of calling Mr. Watts suddingly from Fort St. David, to send him to Tonqueen therefore ord^{r}: him to finish & render his Acco^{ts}: as soon as possibly he can y^{t}: he may be ready to come hither by y^{e}: Bencoolen Frigott who lies here waiting for a wind to come to you.

By y^{s}: Ship comes Augau Cuddera, Mooreman, Brother in law to Alle Merdun Cawn late Nabob of y^{e}: Carnatta countrey & now a Prisoner to y^{e}: Morrattas, who upon paym^{t}: of a ransome have promised his freedom, & he is to be d̃d : at Fort St. David in order to his Passage hither this man Goes to meet him & Carrys a sum̃ of money to compleat his ransome, receive him civilly & Lodge his Treasure sealed wth: his seal in y^{e}: Fort & lett it be placed under Locke whereof he is to keep y^{e}: Key & w^{n}: Alle Merdun Cawn comes treat him wth: respect Answarable to his quallity & Furnish him wth: a Vessell if he desires it to Transport him & his Necessarys hither. wee are

Your Loveing Freinds

Fort St. George,
March 20th 1692-3.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

TO MR. JOHN HAYNES 2^{D} &C^{A}:
COUNCILL ATT FORT ST. DAVID.

Our last was y^{e}: 20th: Ins^{t}: since which wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of [*lacuna*] Ins^{t}: by Mocden Nino's sloop wth: 40 bales.

In yor: Acco^{t}: of Revenues charge noe custom on y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Investm^{t}: more y^{n}: is actually p^{d}: by yor: Merch^{t}: Hasten y^{t}: Acco^{t}: of revenue and Expences for ye Ship will not stay long.

Wee have sev^{ll}: days dispatcht y^{e}: Bencoolen Frigott wth: Timbers &c^{a}: to fetch yor: Bales but she lyes still in sight, & y^{e}: winds dont promis to be favorable. If she be not arrived wth: you as soon as y^{s}: dont stay for her, but send us w^{tt}: bales you shall have in readynesse by any other good conveyance, tho you hire a Ship on Purpose.

Lett Mr Watts repair hither by y^{e}: same conveyance by w^{ch}: you send yor: bales. Wee shall send another speedily to supply his place, in y^{e}: meantime lett Mr Hayns take care y^{t}: y^{e}: customs &c^{a}: be not neglected.

Alle Merdun Cawn's Brother in Law do's not take his Passage upon y^{e}: Bencoolen as wee wrote you but possibly Alle Merdun Cawn may come to yor: Fort when he is released.

Mr Brideoakes sallary is 100^{l} per annum payable in y^{e}: country from y^{e}: time of his Arrivall here vizt: first of October last w^{ch}: you may pay him, but if he Expects paym^{t}: from y^{e}: time of his Embarking in England, y^{t}: must be referred to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: orders wth: out w^{ch}: wee cannot pay him his sallary otherwise then others doe receive.

Wee require Mr Ingram the Warehousekeeper to send us by ye next Oppertunity a true account of all cloth rec^{d}: from yor: Merch^{ts}: upon y^{e}: first & second contract, how much of each sort has been imbaled & how much refused as inferior to Muster either in Quality or Measure.

By y^{e}: first Oppertunity send us some of your Match w^{ch}: wee have so often wrote for & much want. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Loveing Freinds

March 29th 1693.

J. Goldsborough.
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

To the Hon^{BLE}: Elihu Yale Esq:

Wee rec^{d}: a Paper from you to-day wherein you desire Mr Cheney & Mr Fraser may prove their Acco^{ts}: of Paymaster before you give in your Answer into Court.

If Mr Fraser's Acco^{ts} or any others be produced in Evidence against you they must be attested on oath, in ye court, where you will have y^{e}: liberty to ask w^{tt}: Questions you thinke fitt thereto y^{e}: Ord^{r}: by w^{ch}: they Expended those Sum̃: or to anything elce, the court being y^{e}: only proper place for such an Examination, since w^{tt}:soever shall be sworn to in another will not be admitted as Evidence, If y^{e}: Deponent be then present to testify viva voce.

Fort St. George
March 30th 1693.

J. Goldsborough.
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

To Mr John Haynes 2^{D}: &c^{A}:
Coun^{LL}: att Fort St. David.

Wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 10th: Ins^{t} For 2 or 3 days past y^{e}: Wind and Currant haveing been favourable for the Bencoolen, wee hope she will gain in her Passage time enough to take in y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: bales & Match. you may lade on her w^{tt}: Goods offer on Freight & w^{tt}: wood you have in readynesse but dont keep y^{e}: ship for fetching it, There are 6 or 7 Timbers w^{ch}: were cutt & putt aboard in y^{e}: streights of Malacca w^{ch}: will be of use to you, you may demand of Mr Griffin.

Wee want yor: Gen^{ll}: Books greatly, fail not to send us Copy of Bookes A presently & If you cannot finish Books B (as you intimate) before July, send as soon as possible Acco^{t}: reall remains ending ultimo September last. Wee have rec^{d}: Mr Ingrams acco^{ts}: of cloth sorted [w]ashed and turned out, reserve the turned out cloth till the cheife returns.

Arsimi Nagues revolt to y^{e}: Moors is uncertain But Ozum Sultan Tara is come wth: an army of 8000 Horse as farr as Corrapa to reinforce y^{e} : Seige of Chinge, but will hardly come thither this month.

On y^{e} : 4th : March was sent you overland Peeices 10 of Re[d]d Beetelas of 18 Covids long 2 broad, their value Pag^{ds} : 15 : for w^{ch} : you must C^{r} : Acco^{t} : Currant

Wee want 2 or 3 bales of y^{e} : best sort of Salampoors Ordinary for Tonqueen Procure y^{m} : if you can & send y^{m} : to us by the first oppertunity.

You may entertain y^{e} : English men wth : y^{e} : Dutch sent you in yor : Garrison as Soldiers, & d̃d : y^{e} : Dutchman demanded by Senh^{r} : Lanius, under a Promis in writeing of a Pardon, but if they refuse to grant a Pardon dont d̃d : him till further order.

This comes by Mr Zouch Troughton whome wee have appointed of Coun^{ll} : of Fort St. David wherein he is to take place According to his standing in y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Service, & wee appoint him customer & Choultry Justice at Cuddalore in y^{e} : room of Mr Watts.

The Mint Bramine raises a scruple co[n]cerning y^{e} : coyning of yor : Fanams wth : y^{e} : new stamp y^{t} : they will not passe in y^{e} : Countrey, w^{ch} : wee will consider & resolve by yor : cheif, Wee are

Your Loveing Freinds

[Fort St. George]
Ap^{r} : 14th : 1693.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL : FRASER.
WILL : HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

TO THE WORSP^{LL} : ADRIN DE VISSER
CHEIFE FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RIGHT HON^{BLE} :
NETHERLANDS COMPANY ATT PULLICATT.

Inclosed is Coppy of an Acco^{t} : w^{ch} : y^{e} : Honble : Laurance Pitt Govr : of Negapatam sent me of Doll^{rs} : 53 : Expended at Columbo &c^{a} : for y^{e} : maintenance of an English seaman who belonged to and left the Tonqueen Merch^{t} : an English ship at Battava & desired mee to pay y^{e} : value at Pullicatt, In discharge whereof I sent you by the bearer a Peon, Pag^{ds} : 26 : 18 : & desire you to advise the rec^{t} : I have noe news from Surratt thô I rec^{d} : private Lett^{rs} : from thence two days since, no ship being arrived there from Persia on y^{e} [*lacuna*] Feb^{ry} : last to bring y^{e} : Expected overland Letters from Europe

I am
Your Worsp^{lls} : very Lov^{g} :
freind and Servant

Fort St. George
Aprill 15th : 1693.

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.

TO MR. JOHN HAYNES 2^{D} : &C^{A} :
COUNCILL ATT FORT ST. DAVID.

Wee send you herewth : a List of Persons belonging to Fort St. David, who were called hither by Ezam Rauz & wee send y^{m} : to you discharg'd of Imprisonm^{t} : to remain there till Mr Hatsells return. There remaines here only Vincatadre the cheif Peon, & Rama Linga y^{e} : Mint Bramine, and Greapa Conacople who will come downe wth : Mr Hatsell, There being severall things relateing to them to be further Examined.

Wee have rec^{d} : yo^{rs} : of 15th : per Penniston wth : Invoice & bill of ladeing for 87 bales & 10 Candy Match Amo^{ts} : to Pag^{ds} 4193 : 18 : 01 : & observe w^{tt} : you

write concerning 10 bales wett in ladeing. Send us as soon as possible yor: Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: Fort St. George to the ult^{o}: Sep^{t}: last & yor: Gen^{ll}: Bookes & y^{e}: Acco^{t}: of Expences & revenues continued from Aprill 92 to ult^{o}: Sep^{t}:

On y^{e}: 17th: Ins^{t}: was sent you a letter concerning Capt: Freak, but is now of no import, he being y^{s}: day arrived here wth: his ship return y^{e}: Warrant and Letter.

Wee shall debt you for y^{e}: 20 Baggs Bengall wheat you tooke out of y^{e}: Brigantine after peruseall of y^{e}: Bengall Invoice. Wee are

Your Loveing freinds

Fort St. George
Aprill 19th: 1693.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

TO MR. PHILIP NODEN ATT NARSAPORE.

By yor: last letter to us as by yor: Perticuler letters to others Wee perceive y^{t}: you have no inclination to remove from those parts, & therefore make use of the excuse of the vain pretences & promise of y^{e}: Avaldars of Metchlepatam &c^{a}: for procuring of a Phirmaund from y^{e}: King for our settling a trade upon better terms then formerly, whereas you know very well y^{t}: a Phirmaund is not to be obtained without great court charges & y^{t}: those Avaldars will not disburse y^{e}: money for us & if they gett only y^{e}: Suba of Golconda his Perwanna twill be of noe other use then to draw us into a snare for if wee settle upon a Perwanna, y^{e}: next Suba will force us to pay him well for his confirmation or revoke it at Pleasure. Therefore pray dont concern yor: selfe any further in such vain attempts. But Endeavour what you can to bring away y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: remains in both Factorys by the first oppertunity, but it being probable y^{t}: they will not permitt you, you may sell of y^{e}: Brimstone &c^{a}: Goods at such rates as y^{e}: Markett Price will afford though it should be lesse then formerly & by one means or other contrive to gett y^{e}: Musters both of Maddapollam & Metchlepatam into yor: hands privately & either send y^{m}: hither, or if you have Oppertunity send y^{m}: to y^{e}: Cheife of Vizagapatam & if y^{e}: Avaldar will not permitt y^{e}: bringing away of y^{e}: Household Goods &c^{a}: leave y^{e}: Keys & list of goods in there hands & come away, & if they will not receive y^{e}: Keys & list, however come away & leave y^{e}: Keys & list how you please.

If y^{e}: money in yor: hands bee not sufficient to defray charges of Boat hire y^{e}: produce of y^{e}: Goods will doe it.

As wee wrote you plainly before soe wee repeat our order positively y^{t}: you come away wth: yor: family & if you shall refuse to comply wth: our order & shall hereafter run yourselfe into any inconvenince or trouble by staying you cannot expect y^{t}: it will be in our power to assist or relieve you, wee are

Your Loveing Freinds

Fort St. George
Aprill 27th: 1693.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

To Mr John Haynes Second
&ca : Counll : in Fort St. David.

Our last was 19th : Apr : wee have recd : yors : of 25th : past, wee recd : 87 bales per Penniston and it was an Error in transcribeing if our Letter acknowledges but 81.

By the first Oppertunity wee intend to supply you wth : 5000 Pagds : unlesse in the meantime you can draw upon us as formerly directed wn: you wrote for money you ought to have told us how much wanted.

Our Genll : Bookes stand still for want of your Lettr : A & your Accot : currant to ulto : Sept: all the reason you give for soe great delay has been all along want of Assistants & at ye : same time you suffer an Idle man Mr : Cranwell to wander hither, who gives us noe other reason for his comeing yn : yt : he has no businesse to doe at Fort St. David.

Upon ye : Advise you give us of ye : intended approach of Rama Raja to yor : parts, & ye : good reasons you give for preventing his comeing wth : so great a Number into yor : bounds, Wee have resolved yt : you present him at Porto Novo not Exceeding Pagds : 500 to him & his Servts : in part of wch : wee have sent you two peeces of scarlett the rest you must make up in Pagds : being more Acceptable among Morattas yn : raritys & for yor : better Assistance in Manageing thereof, wee send you Vincate to act as Cheife Dubash till farther order. Hee haveing been fully Examined here upon all ye : Articles he stood accused of, wee have discharged him, from his former confinemt : and Accusation upon his paymt : of wtt : adjudged proper for the miscarrages proved against him wch : are such as Dubashes have usually been so guilty of & he has promised to reforme for the future, & wee Esteem him the fittest Person for Manageing businesse and therefore you are to Employ him Accordingly Perticulerly in this Affair wth : Rama Raja, If you see cause to send the present by English, Mr Troughton and Mr : Berlu, wee thinke are most proper, but Vincate must goe with them.

Inclosed is the cost and charges of the 2 peeices Scarlett Pagds : 134 : 26 : 40 : for wch : Give us Creditt, wee will send you wax and Beetelas by the first Oppertunity.

Wee are
Your Loveing Freinds

Fort St. George
May 19th : 1693

John Goldsborough.
Nathaniell Higginson.
John Dolben.
William Fraser.
William Hatsell.
James Wheeler.

[*Madras copy.*]

From the 13th May 1693 to the 23rd January 1694.

To Capt : James Howell
Commander of Ship Pearle.

Upon Receipt hereof, you are forthwth : to repair aboard said Ship and with the first opportunity of wind and weather: Weigh [Anchor] and Sett Sail and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining of the Port of Tonqueen; where when it shall please God you arrive, you are to follow the orders of Richard Watts Esqr Chief &ca ; Council for your further proceedings. Onely in your way [you are] ordered to Touch att Atcheen and Malacca if Mr : Watts &ca : see cause, either for delivering Freight goods or for other Reasons: and you are therein to follow their order and directions * in all things whatsoever; and to give them [and] your Ships Compas : utmost assistance, as they shall requier itt either in

* India Office copy reads " discretion."

the Voyage or att Tonqueen, aboard or ashoar, and because severall of ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Servants take their Passage on your ship, Wee requier you to be civill to them, affording them on all occasions what [courtesy] and assistance you can give them for their better accomidation in Lodging Eating &ca : for which they Carry their own Provisions which you must not suffer to be Embezelled by others, & to prevent disputes of Precedency in ye : Passage, we appoint Mr : Watts to take the Chair, and yourselfe to take place next, and Mr : Farmer next; and wee requier all to give Mr : Watts that respect which is due to his Quality. And you are to carry St : Georges Flag on your Main top Mast head as Mr : Watts shall order and not otherwise dureing your whole Voyage; you are to suffer noe goods to be laden or unladen (especially in Tonqueen) without the Chiefs ℘ticular order as you will answer the damages that may arrise therefrom. Wee wish you a good Voyage and date these in Fort St : George this 13th : day of May Anno : 1693.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM : FRASER.
WILLM : HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT FOR TONQUEEN ℘ THE PEARLE FRIGOTT.

No.
1. Bill of Ladeing of Do : ship.
2. Invoice of Ditto.
3. List of Freight Goods upon Do :
4. Storekeepers Accot : of stores belonging to [Do]
5. Tonqueen Accots : with Fort St : George Comencing April 1686 and concludeing Janry : 1692/3.
6. Tonqueen Accot : Currant.
7. Copie of Letters Recd : from Tonqueen & Malacca.
8. Mr : Wooleys Letter of Attorney to His Excelly Sr : John Goldsborough.
9. Instructions to Do : wth : Attestation of Jno : Chapell.
10. Commission and Instructions to Mr : Watts &ca : Council for Tonqueen.
11. Letter directed to the Worspll : Willm : Keeling &ca : Council att Tonqueen ℘ the Dorothy.
12. Letter directed for Do : ℘ the Tonqueen.
13. Letter directed for Do.
14. Generall Letter to the Governr of Malacca.
15. Copie of Do : Generall Letter.
16. List of ye : Pacquett.

TO MR : JOHN HAYNES SECOND &CA :
COUNCIL ATT FORT ST : DAVID.

These are only to order Mr : Ingram to send by these Peons, all the Originall Letters which he Received from Mr : Nickes &ca : [at] Conimeer, dureing the time that himselfe Mr : Bett, and Mr : Owen, were att Porto Novo from Novembr : 1688 to July 1689. Also the Originall Consultation book & Diary for the same time. If the Originalls of the Letters and Diary be wanting he may send the Copies if he has any. We are

Your Loveing friends

Fort St : George
19th : May 1693.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM : FRASER.
WILLM : HATSELL.
JAMES WHEELER.

DR : BROWN.

I have Recd : yours of the 6th : Instant by your man who brings this, I comũnicated yor : Letter to His Excelly : who do[th] well approve [of] your Endeavours for the Compas : service, and by his order returne you this answer, that your Acquaintance with such a man as Mr : Potuliet may be very usefull, and therefore Encrease it so far as to lay foundation of continuing a Correspondence when you are here by Letters. He cannot procure a Phirmaund which is given only by the Mogull himselfe but tis Possible he may procure the Princes Neshaun for the carrying on of our business, according to Sallabad, in the Kingdom of Golconda and Bengall, or so far as his Dominions which would be of great use to us, especially if itt could be obtained without money, & in such a Private way as you Intimate therefore if Mr : Potuliet will undertake it, encourage him to proceed in itt, & whether he will or no, his service shall be greatefully rewarded one way or other. But the most probable time * of obtaining it seems to be upon delivering the Present which we shall bee obliged to make the Prince upon his Comeing and continueing in these parts, and indeed itt is not usuall for Princes to grant their Neshauns without money agreed for, or a Present to their sattisfaction. Therefore pray obtaine of Mr : Potuliet a List of things Proper for a Present, and hasten to us as fast as you can, have a care of trusting to far to faire promises.

Your Loveing friend

NATH : HIGGINSON.

Fort St : George,
20th : May 1693.

ZullFuckar Caun and Cassim Caun have [since you went home] succeeded one another in the Nabobship of the Cornata Countrey.

To MR : JOHN HAYNES SECOND
&CA : COUNCLL : AT FORT ST : DAVID.

In answer to yours of ye : 27 May, 6 & 10th June, wee acknowledge ye : rect : of your generall Books A : But notwth :standing ye : Berkley Castle has s[t]ay'd so long, we have recd : neither Consultation, Genll : Books, nor any other accot : from you to send by her : wch : is an unanswerable omission.

We shall debt yor accot : Currt : for pa : 29 : 14 : recd : by Mr : Ingram for fraight of ship Bencoolen.

Wee have recd : ye Porto Novo Papers sent by Mr : Ingram.

Herewth : goes an Invoice of things sent you by sundry conveyances amounting to pa : 230 for wch : you are to give us creditt : And an accot : of sundry ꝑticulars amo : to pa : 655 : 14 wch : are omitted in yor : books [Letter] A : for wch : you must give in credtt : in books B.

The Mint Braminy & Washers are comeing to you for ye : coining of Fannams, wch : while they are kept up to due Matt, will be currant.

Wee have paid pa : 400 & pa : 600 on ye : two Bills mentioned in yors : of ye : 6th : instant, & shall pay ye : 1300 to ye : Merchts : when presented.

We send herewth : pa : 8200 in charge of yor : Depty : Govr : Mr : Wm : Hatsell, who attends ye : Commissary to Fort St : David : unto whom you are referr'd for [an] answer to what you write concerning ye : Dutch : ye : quarrells between Mr : Troughton & Mr : Jordan, & Capt : Lessley's disre[s]pectfull carriage to Mr : Constable &ca :

Sloop Thomas & Sarah has brought us ye : Invo : of 29 bales laden on her : amo : to pa : 1230 : 8 : for wch : you shall have creditt : Wee are

Yor affectionate Freinds

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
&CA COUNCILL.

Fort St : George
13 June 1693.

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* India Office copy reads "way."

FORT ST: GEORGE: 14 JUNE 1693.

TO THE WORSPLL: WM: HATSELL ESQR
DEPTY: GOVR: OF FORT ST: DAVID.

This serves only to inclose a rect: & Invo: for Iron sent you by Mochden Ninas Sloop amo: pa 114: 24 for wch: you are to give us creditt. Wee are

Yor affecte Freinds
N. HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WM: FRASER.
JAMES WHEELER.

TO MR: CHARLES PERRIN
MASTR: OF YE: BOUYER MARY.

Upon rect: hereof you are forthwth: to repair on board sd: Bouyer, & to weigh Anchor & sett sail makeing ye best of yor way for ye more speedy attaining ye Port of Chuttanutte in Bengall where when you are arrived deliver or: Packett to ye Rt: Worpll: Agent &ca: Councill for affairs of ye Rt: Honble: Company unto whom you are consign'd & whose orders you are to follow both for unladeing & further proceedings; we wish you a good voyage & date these in Fort St: George in ye: City of Madrass ys: 15 day June 1693.

Fort St: George ye: 15 June 1693.

N. HIGGINSON.
J. DOLBEN.
W. FRASER.
J. WHEELER.

FORT ST: GEORGE 15 JUNE 1693.

TO YE: RT: WORPLL FRANCIS ELLIS ESQR:
AGENT FOR AFFAIRS OF YE RT: HONBLE: COMPA: &CA: COUNCILL.

This comes to you by ye Mary Bouyer Charles Perrin Mastr: who came out of Bombay ye 15 May in Company wth another Bouyer wch: brings ye Surratt advices but parted in a Storm off Callicut near ye land & doth not yet appear tho ys arriv'd ye 3d instant so yt we know not what is laden either upon one or other only ye Mastr: tells us ye Mary is full of Cotton but knows not ye: quantity when you have unladen her advise her ladeing hither & to Surratte We suppose ye: Bouyers are intended for ye Rt Honble: Compas: Service in Bengall: & when ye other arrives shall dispatch her to you.

Wee shall dispatch ye Saphir to you wth: a ladeing of Reddwood & by her shall give ye necessary answer to ye: sevll: Lr̄es recd: from you, in ye: meantime we have only to advise you yt: ye: Berkley Castle sail'd hence ye: 13th: instant for England full laden her cargoe for ye Rt: Honble: Companyes accot: [amounting to] pagds: 63000 & permissive trade pa: 62000 & Dyamonds 54000 & yt: Evening his Excell ye: Comissary Genll: sett out for Fort St: David from whence he intends to return in short time Wee are

Yor affecte: Freinds
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
JO. DOLBEN.
W. FRASER.
J. WHEELER.

P.S.—

Herewth: is a warrant from ye Court of Admiralty concerning Francis Davenport wch: you are to execute wth: all care & secresy possible wherein we desire Capt: Dorrell particularly to assist.

ID. N.H.
J.D.
W.F.
J.W.

DULPUTTROU. FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JUNE 16, 1693.

I rec^{d}: yor: Letter & Zulphaker Cauns Perwanna about y^{e}: Elephants thô other Merch^{ts}: have offred more money for them y^{n}: yor: Serv^{ts}: but I had taken such care as to make [him] sell them to yor Serv^{ts}: before yor: Lett^{r}: came; after you have seen these Eliphants you'l be satisfied, w^{t}: kindness I have [done] you you'l understand by yor: serv^{ts}: & often acquaint me of your good health.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE Y^{E}: [...] JUNE 1693.

TO HIS EXC̃^{LY}: S^{R} JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH
KN^{T}: COMMISSARY GEN^{LL}: & SUPRA[VISOR] OF ALL
AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}: R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

May it please yor Excell^{cy}:

We hope these will find yor: Exc^{ly}: wth: your Comp^{a}: safe arrived at Fort S^{t}: David.

On y^{e}: 15 Instant [in y^{e}:] afternoone y^{e}: Mary Bouyer sayl'd for Bengall by whome we sent a short Gen^{ll}: lr̃e: to y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}:

Capt: Freak after many denialls has at last agreed to bring all y^{e}: Lead from Trincumbarr hither at his owne [Risgo] & char[ges] but being in want of mony he demands y^{t}: we should [at] delivery of y^{e}: Lead Disburse y^{e}: money for y^{e}: charges, he giveing bond for repayment of y^{e}: same in England at arrivall of ship Samuell on y^{e}: same terms of Bottomrie w^{ch}: others shall furnish money or y^{t}: y^{e}: s^{d}: money shall be towards y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: proportion of y^{e}: averrage if any shall be w^{ch}: we have condescended to & hope yor: Hon^{r}: will approve thereof but y^{s}: agreement of his being only verball (we have attach'd pa^{s}: 1130 in y^{e}: hands of Capt: Burton (who bought his Ship Loyall Captain) as a security for his ꝑformance he promises to send his order by these Peons to Trincum[bar] w^{ch}: if it comes please to forward by fresh Peons.

M^{r}: Alvarez & M^{r}: De Costa offering on y^{e}: 11 Instant to lade at least 25000 pa: on ship Saphir for Bengall for ꝑmissive trade on condition she may stay till Monday 26th: we have agreed to keep her so long y^{e}: mony being usefull towards ladeing y^{e}: two great ships there. Wee have ꝑceeded in y^{e}: examination of M^{r}: Owens acco^{t}: & y^{t}: sortment of Porto Novo Cloth but have not yet finish'd ye latter, but both will be in a few days ready for yor: Excell^{cys}: ꝑusa[ll] We have no certain Camp News but there's a report y^{t}: Zulphaker Caun is displac't & Bawder Caune to succeed him. We are

Yo^{r}: Exc̃^{ly}: most humble serv^{ts}:

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
W^{M}: FRASER.
JAMES WHEELER.

Yesterday M^{r}: Thomas Yale sent us a Protest agst: yor: Exc^{ly}: for 400 hours imprisonment & for other violent unjust & severe usage in 15000£ his Protest & letter are inclosed.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
W^{M}: FRASER.
[JAMES] WHEELER.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JUNE 17/1693.

TO PURCALLA SHREENE WAUSULLA.

I enjoy good health & hope to hear y^{e}: same from you. I rec^{d}: yor: letter & observed y^{e}: contents thereof you wrote ab^{t}: building yor: house a story higher & desired me it may go on wth:out any lett or hindrance; in y^{s}: Towne everybody has liberty to build being we allways obey y^{e}: Kings order, therefore if any of y^{e}:

Duans people come [to] build houses here if any body has any demand upon them wee shall not protect them therefore consider on this & send me an answer y^{n}: I'll give order y^{t} : you may build yor : house & you may acquaint me of yor : health.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE Y^{E} : 19TH JUNE 1693.

To M^{R} : SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE &C^{A} :
COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E} : R^{T} : HON^{BLE} :
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A} : ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

The Cheife & third M^{r} : Holcombe & M^{r} : Owen haveing been long detained here by y^{e}: examination of y^{e}: ffrauds committed in yor: ffactory by M^{r} : Dubois &c^{a} : do now take their passage on Ship Saphir Jacob de Grave Mast^{r} : on w^{ch} : we have laden pag^{ds}: Rup^{s}: & Stores to y^{e} : am^{o} : of pag^{ds} : 7191 as by y^{e} : Inv^{o} : & bill of Ladeing herewth : deliver'd.

Wee send y^{o} : money to enable you to make a contract for Callicoes to be brought in by y^{e} : 20 Xb^{r} : next to help to fill up some Ships of y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : w^{ch} : wee expect will be here by y^{t} : time but if you can perswade your Merch^{ts} : to contract for one half or one third to be brought in, by August or 7ber twill be better because tis probable there may be occasion for't then.

Wee leave it to you to contract for as large a sum̄e as you can well knowing y^{t} : they can't furnish more y^{n} : Wee shall want however let it not be less than 15000 pag^{ds} : otherwise yor: Investment will hardly bear y^{e}: charge of yor: Factory.

Wee now send you but 7000 pag^{ds} : but you may depend upon a further supply as you shall require by yor : next advices w^{ch} : send to us overland as soon as you have made yor : contract.

Upon yor : arrivall advise us y^{e} : state of yor : acco^{t} : wth : y^{e} : sev^{ll} : Comp^{as} : of Merch^{ts} : how many bales are already brought in & what prospect you have of their further complyance as well wth : a New as their old contract & repeat such advices to us as often as opportunity offers y^{t} : we may y^{e} : better know how farr to depend on their ꝑformance.

Adjust acco^{ts} : wth : y^{e} : Moor Merch^{ts} : as soon as you can, w^{ch} : probably will be more easily effected before y^{n} : after makeing a new contract, for we do not thinke it convenient either wth : y^{e} : former method, nor wth : y^{e} : ꝑsent state of affairs y^{t} : you make any further contract wth : them, & when they find themselves left out perhaps [they] will be disgusted & give you more trouble about their acco^{ts} : y^{n} : while they are in expectation of employm^{t} : as we have formerly advised M^{r} : Barwell (in y^{t} : Cheifs absence) & ordered him to gett in as much of their debt as he could w^{ch} : Wee hope he has done so farr y^{t} : there will be nothing due from them to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : more y^{n} : y^{e} : am^{o} : of y^{e} : bond y^{t} : M^{r} : Dubois gave them for pag^{s} : 1530 & is since paid by him here into y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Cash so y^{t} : they must have creditt for y^{e} : same vizt : such p^{t} : thereof as M^{r} : Dubois own'd to be their due pa : 800 & for y^{e} : remaining [part] 730 pa^{s} : w^{ch} : he alledgeth to have been allow'd him as Cheife by y^{e} : Merch^{ts} : out of money p^{d} : them on an Investm^{t} : [therefore] it belongs to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : and must be made good by them, if you can perswade them to it, & if you can't prevail wth : them by reason, you must not use any fforce wth : them, for being Moors they'll apply themselves to y^{e} : Governm^{t} : & give you more trouble y^{n} : y^{e} : money is worth but rather let their debt stand upon yor : books till some better opportunity presents.

The old Merch^{ts} : debt is very doubtfull they being reported so poor y^{t} : their estates will not pay a quart^{r} : part, & not having a Stocke of their owne they can never bring in goods unless a Stock be advanced to them, to revive their creditt in y^{e} : Countrey ; they having already failed so grosely y^{t} : tis a question whether it be safe to trust them wth : more ; but wee must leave it to yor : discretion whether to advance 1000 or 2000 pa : a year to them if you find it probable y^{t} : you may thereby gett in their debt by degrees.

If you find y^{t} : Budde Narain &c^{a} : ꝑforme well you may make them y^{e} : Cheife Merch^{ts} : joining wth : them some of y^{e} : ablest of yor : old Merch^{ts} : wth :

whome you may make yor: contract in ye: usuall way, & for ye: enlargemt of yor: Investmt: you may also bargain wth: some of ye: ablest of yor: Moor Merchts: that what L Cloth & Sallampores they'll bring in by a Time limited agreable to ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Mustrs: you'l pay them upon delivery of ye: Cloth from 5 to 10 ℘ Cent (as you can agree) advance on ye: stated prices, wch: offer you may also make to ye: Madapollam Merchts: or any others; & for such cloth remaining after sorting you may buy of them, for such [prizes] as you can bargain for.

Wee perceive ye: Seer Laschar has been very earnest of late for ye: present wch: has formerly been used to be given upon change of Seer Laschar's & Cheifs. It has been put off; for sevll: years & tis best to deferr it still so long as you can because of ye: frequent change of Seer Laschars, for if you present ye: & he be suddainly removed his Successor will demand ye: same especially if you have an Investmt: going on. But if upon ye: Cheifs arrivall he does demand & urge it you may present him to ye amo: of pa: [*lacuna in the original*] in pa: or Rups: for we can't furnish you wth: Scarlett or Raritys only 2 Chests Rosewater 2 Chts: Persia Wine 4 Chts: of Fruit wch: go wth: you for yt: purpose.

And wn: you send ye present twill be a convenient time to treate wth: him concerning ye renting of Viziagapatam wth: enlarg'd priviledges for wch: purpose if you see cause you may send Mr Barwell wth: ye: Present.

The last genll: books of Vizagapatam yt we have are letter H ending Aprill 1691 continue those of Letter I to August 1692 & lett them be ballanc'd by ye reall remains then taken & lett them be finished as soon as you can & sent to us yt: they may be brought into Fort St: George Books [*lacuna in the original*] wch: are omitted in yor: accot: currtt:

Bee as frugall as you can in expences Provi[sns] are very cheap & we think Rups [*lacuna in the original*] ℘ Mens [em] a sufficient allowance for dyet wch: if you exceed ye Cheif must pay but don't encrease yor: acctt: charge[s] generall by placeing to yt: head wch: doth properly belong to dyett.

Send us Copies of yor consultations & Diaries & monthly accot: Cash & charges as opportunity offers.

Herewth: is an accot: signed by Mr: Focquett & Mr: Owen of their disbursements for ye Time they kept a seperate Factory in Vizagapatam wth: our notes thereupon in Consultation ye: 16 Inst: whereby there's pa: 277 : 10 : 3 & Rups 178¾ allowed & pa: 234 : 5 : [1] remaining to be further examined but yt: you may not keep yor: books open till yt: be done give Mr Owen creditt for what is allowed & lett ye ball of his Warehouse accot: be carried into yr next bookes.

Also Mr Charles Fleetwood's accot: of Rups: 11254 wth: Mr: Dubois his notes thereupon wherein are many articles entred in his creditt for large sume expended referring to acco: ℘ticulars, wch we do not find yt: Mr: Fleetwood left here when he went to ye West Coast so yt: we can make no Judgmt: thereof nor of many other articles in his creditt wch: can be better examin'd in Vizagapatam by yr Rt Honble: Compas: Servts: there & ye Braminys & yor Books wch we desire you to do, as soon as you can & give Mr: Fleetwoods accot creditt for what you find reason to allow & carry ye ball of his accots: to yor: next books sending us an accot: of yor: examination time enough to remitt to Bencoolen by ye: next Ship which will probably go by ye: latter end of 7 br: yt: Mr: Fleetwood may give his answer thereunto Capt: Rider being examined here to ye 27 : 28 & 37 articles does give us reason to think yt: there's a great Mistake therein as by a Paper herewth: delivered but he referrs to Gongala & Gongarez ye: two Conicoplys who kept ℘ticular accots: We are

Your affecte: Freinds

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WM: FRASER.
JAMES WHEELER.

P.S.—

"Mr Joseph Chapman takes his passage on ye Saphir, yt: his acct :·may be fur- "ther examined by you at Vizagapatam wch : we desire you to go about as soon as "you arrive yt if his Excell shall find reason to come there, 't may [be] ready for "his determination.

"The monthly allowance for dyett aforementioned is not stated now but de- "ferred till another time.

"The Secretary has delivered to Mr Owen ye acco : currt : for what is to be "entred in your books.

"Herewth : is ye : Warehouskeepers List of fraight goods wch : if it be not per- "fect you must do ye : Compa : right (Notwithstanding ya : ℘sent to ye : Seer Laschar "is limited to 600 pagds : ye : Sume is left to ye : discretion of ye : Cheif & Councill."

Idem N.H.
J.D.
W.F.
J.W.

Fort St. George 2[0]th June 169[3].

To his Excly : Sr : John Goldsb[o]rough
Commissary Genll & Supravisor for affairs of ye :
Rt : Honoble : English East India Company &
Mr : Wm : Hatsell Esqr : Depty : Govr: of Fort St : David.

May it please yor : Excly : &ca :

Our last to yor Excell was dated ye 17 Inst : wherewith went Capt : Freaks order to ye Govr : of Trincumbar for sending ye Lead hither.

Last night we recd yors : dated ye : 17 wch : gives us ye : good news of yor : Excell &ca : safe arrivall, here are further reports of Zulphaker Cawnes being displac't & yt . Alle Merden Caune has pd : a considerable sume at Metchlepatam for wch : Bills passed by here 2 days since drawne on Govr : Pitt by wch : means tis expected yt : he'll be su[dden]ly released Wee are.

Your Excells &ca : Most humble Servt :
Nath : Higginson.
John Dolben.
Wm : Fraser.
James Wheeler.

[*P.S.*]—

"In complyance wth : yor : Excell order wee ordered Mr : Dutton to gett ready "to go to Fort St : David but yt : morning finds himself so weak & ill yt : he "cann't undertake ye : Journey having been confin'd to his cott for a fortnight, We "have therefore sent in his Room Mr : Cuthbert whos rather ye : better Master of ye : "Dutch Language but cannot write by reason of ye Barbears wch : defect may be "supplyed as we are informed by Linsay ye : Serjeant sent from Bengall, who also "understands enough of it to write it if there be occasion Mr : Cuthbert is very "poor & referrs himself to yor : Excell favour for a maintenance; inclosed is an "acco : of ye : charges of his Journey The Pallenkeen is borrowed & to be returned."

Idem N.H.
J.D.
W.F.
J.W.

To His Excly : Sr : John Goldsborough
Commissary Genll : & Supravisor for
affairs of ye Rt : Honble: English East India
Company in India & ye Worpll : Wm : Hatsell
Esqr : Depty : Govr : of Fort St: David.

May it please yor : Excly : &ca :

Our last was ye 20th Inst : by Mr : Cuthbert ys : day Wee recd : yor Exclcy : &ca : of ye same date wth : copy of Govr : Pitt Letter & abstract of one from Mr :

Ackworth at Rettora to yor Excell & do most readily concur wth: yor: Excellcys: opinion of sending all yt: is necessary for makeing a fortified settlemt: there so soon as ye Season will 𝔓mitt.

Wee have ys: day sent for or: Merchts: to treat wth: them about an Investmt: again[st] Xbr: next. They complain of loss by ye: last & ye: troubles of ye: Countrey &ca: but are willing to contract for 20000 pa: or more on such tearms [as yt] they may not loose. Wee have only ordered them to consider of it among themselves of ye: quantity & prizes of each sort to make [their] proposalls on Monday next when we shall send yor: Excell an accot: thereof.

Mr: Chapmans accot: haveing been referred a great part to a further examination at Vizagapatam we have 𝔓mittted his going thither wth: Mr: Holcombe supposing it to be agreeable to yor: Exlys: intentions.

The Peons Servts: & necessarys wch: attended yor: Excell to Fort St: David are returned. Mr: Holcombe having given his opinion yt: ye: Vizagapatam Merchts cannot contract for 15000 pagds: unless they have half advane't, we have [agreed] therewith he doth also urge his for continuing ye Moor Merchts: but most of us are against it & we desire yor Excly will please to give yor: Judgemt: whereby ye question may be determined.

Yor: Excell &ca: Most humble Servts

Fort St George
22 June 1693.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WM: FRASER.
JAMES WHEELER.

Capt: Riders Paper Concerning Mr: Fleetwood his Account.

Capt: Rider Saith yt: for 13 months during their imprisonment he & ye rest of ye white Men recd: dayly from ye S. Laschars Servts: 4 cash a day during wch: time Mr: Fleetwood did supply the Prisoners privately wth: money for their provisions when ye Seer Laschars Servts: failed wch was two or three times a month after their releasmt: for above 3 months they recd: from Mr: Fleetwood 8 cash a day a man.

That after their releasmt: they all recd: of Mr: Fleetwood something to cloth them & he recd: 7s for himself.

That ye: Briganteen Men were in Prison & confin'd to ye Towne 12 mōs & at their first comeing were fedd wth: ye: provisions of ye: Brigantine & when yt: was spent ye: Seer Laschar allowed them sometimes 2 Cash & sometimes 4 Cash a day each during their imprisonment & after they were let out of Prison Mr: Fleetwood allowed them 4 Cash a day each for 3 months besides wch: he knows nothing of any wages paid to ye: Brigantine Men nor any other expences.

That there was no repairs of ye Brigantine, but the new Planks & a Coir Cable, before he recd: charge of her from Mr: Dubois after wch: he disburst ye: mony himself for her Repair.

Sundry accots: Dr: to Cash for repairing ye: Brigantine.

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1690 Nōbr: 30.	To Brigantine for Mens Victualls	...	6:	2
	To Charles Fleetwood to fitt her	...	20:	[...]
Decbr: 31.	To Brigantine diet wages Sailcloth pa.	96	166:	0
	delivered Capt: Rider ,,	70		
Janry: 31.	To Brigantine for Mens wages	...	70:	0
March: 31.	To do: for wages	...	44:	0
	& pd: Mr: Focquet for do	...	90:	[...]

To Mr: JACOB DE GRAVES
MASTR: of SHIP SAPHIRE.

Upon Receipt hereof you are forthwth: to repair on board ye: Sd: Ship & wth: ye: first opportunity of Wind & weather to weigh anchor & sett sail & make ye:

best of yor: way for ye: most speedy attaining ye: port of Chuttanutte in Bengall, where when you arrive you are to deliver or Packett herewth: delivered you unto ye:Rt: Worpll: Francis Ellis Esqr Agent for affairs of ye: Rt: Honble: Engh: East India Compa: &ca: Councill unto whom you go consigned & whose orders you are to follow for yor: unladeing & further proceeding. But in ye way you are to touch at Viza[ga]patam & there dd ye: Treasure &ca goods consign'd to yt: place & ye necessaries belonging to Mr: Simon Holcombe & others who take their passage on yt Ship for Vizagapatam, for wch: purpose you are to stay there twenty four hours as wind [&] weather ℘mitting ye: boats to pass there & no longer & then make ye: best of yor: way for Bengall where you are to apply yorself to ye: Agent &ca: for ye: necessary repairs of yor: Ship in order to another voyage so soon as ye Monsoon will ℘mitt wee wish you a good voyage & date these in Fort St George ye: twenty sixth day of June 1693.

LIST OF YE PACKETT TO VIZIAGAPATAM ℘ SHIP SAPHIR.

No.
1. Genll: Letter dated ye 19 June 1693.
2. Mr: Fleetwoods accot:
3. Notes upon Mr: Focquetts & Mr: Owens disbursemts:
4. Ship Saphir's Invoice.
5. do: Bill of Ladeing.
6. Capt: Riders Paper concerning Mr: Fleetwoods accot:
7. List of freight goods on ye Saphir.
8. Samll: Owens accot: currt: wth: ye Rt: Honble: Company accot: currt: to be entred in their Books dd Mr: Owen.

FORT ST. GEORGE 22 JUNE 1693.

TO THE RT: WORPLL: FRANCIS ELLIS ESQR:
&CA: COUNCILL AGENT FOR AFFAIRS OF YE:
RT: HONBLE: ENGH: EAST INDIA COMPA:

Our last was ye: 15 Inst: by ye Mary Bouyer wth: Cotton from Surrattee advising you only his Excell departure ye 13 inst: for ffort St: David in whose absence we return you ye following answer to yor: sevll: Letters of ye 10 Janry: 13: 16: 20 Feby: 4 March & 3 Aprill but referring many things therein to his Excly; Wm: Adams who brought hither ye Pearle returned to you according to yor desire last month on ye Wellfare & ye Brigan[t]ine will follow in July. We shall give you creditt [by] accot: currt: London for ye following ℘ticulars Vizt.

Recd: of Capt: Brouse for ye use of ye Bouyer ... ... Rups:		50 : 0 : 0
Stores furnished Ship Madapollam ... ,,		300 : 7¾ : 0
Impress wages of Ship do ... ... ,,		1200 : 12 : 1
Invo: ℘ Madapollam ... ... ,,		4756 : 14 : 5
Invo: ℘ Pearle ... ... ,,		3044 : 11 : 6
do: ℘ Gingerlee Brigan[t]ine ... ... ,,		2408 : 13 : 3
Stores furnished Ship Pearle. Rups:	212 : 8½	
Repairing do ... ... ,,	191 : 1½	
Wages do ... ... ,,	653 : 0	
	———	1056 : 10 : 0

And we shall debt you by accot: currt: London for ye Stores taken out of ye: Pearle amt: Rups: 326.

The Copy of yor genll: Letter to ye Compa: wch: you sent us wth: yors: of ye: 20 Febry: is gone home by ye Berkley Castle.

Capt: Bromwells pretence for not landing ye: Armenians 11 bales of Cloth is ill grounded on ye: order sent him by ye: Secy: for not sending any thing ashoar without order for ye: weather being badd all ye: time he lay in ye: Road 'twas difficult sending goods ashoare without damage, & if they had been sent

ashoare without ye: Proprietors order they would have demanded Satisfaction for ye damage to prevent wch: that order was given but we gave Captain Bromwell no order to conceal from us yt: he had 11 bales Broad Cloth deliverable to ye Armenian here But ye Proprietor doth not so much blame Capt: Bromwell for carrying them to Bengall but does insist when he demanded them by bill of Ladeing in Ballisore Road refused to deliver them affirming yt: they were left here when they were at ye same time in his Ship tis true wee did not demand them of him here because ye Sampsons Fort St: George Invo: mentioned 14 bales deliverable here & ye Bengll: Invo: 11 bales deliverable there as appears by ye Note made at ye end of yor Invo: whereof we desire you to send us a copy wch: probably is a mistake but does not excuse Capt: Bromwell, who knew he had sign'd bills of Ladeing & unless ye Owners will consent to receive them in Bengall Capt: Bromwell must run ye hazard & charge of sending them up here or answer ye damage.

Inclosed is a List of ye Rates of Passes as here establisht & ye Rt: Honble: Compas: order for their Rates cannott be altered.

Wee send you herewith all of those things you wrote for yt we can possibly procure towards your presents, you have ye whole Stock wch: ye Rt: Honble: Company sent out yt: year for Presents we greatly want a few of them wch: we cannot be otherwise supply'd wth: & desire you to send us by ye firs[t] opportunity Vizt:

1 doze of Scimitars.	2 large Telescopes.
1 ℘r fine Pistolls.	6 best Spectacles in cases.
1 fowling Peice.	1 large Looking Glass.
1 large concave Glass.	1 large plain tortoisshell tweesen.
2 Prospective Glasses.	6 French Scizers.
1 doz do in Ivory.	4 plush pockett glasses.
1 do do in Wood.	2 fish skinn do.

[* Advise us whether wax Images in glasses will be of any use to you whereof wee have a few to spare.

Our last advices from Surratte acquaint us yt: ye: same Husbullhookum came thither for ye: genll: Stop of trade as you mention in yours of 3d: of Aprill & yt: ye: Govr: of Surratte did refuse to put it in execution but wrote to the King whose endeavours joined wth: your Nabob & Divan Wee hope will prove successfull for revoking yt: order yt: has been, yet no application made to ye: King upon yt: accot: from hence; because ye: grand Vizier Assid Caune is not yet arriv'd wth: him, wee do not yet know whether he is called from Chingee in displeasure of wch: ther's various reports he & his Son Zulphaker Caune are ye: only Persons wee have treat'd with & still depend on for Phirmaund & till it be knowne whether they are in or out of favour wee cann't proceed in any addresses to ye: Court but hope in a short time to know ye: certainty & yn: his Excell will take suitable measures.

Wee understand ther's ye: same genll: liberty for lading Permissive Goods on any other of the Rt: Honble: Compas: Ships as on ye: Charles & have acted accordingly on ye: Berkley Castle you write us in yours of ye: 20th: of Febry: yt: Mr Sowdon is indebted by ye: Pattana books Rs: 715 : 9 : & Mr: Watts by ye: Dacca books Rs: 646 : 7 : 3 : & desire us to receive ye: money & advice you yt: you may clear ye: said books & ys: is ye: right way in such cases but you dont deal fairly wth: us if you throw ye: Old Bengall debts upon us right or wrong whether you can receive them or no to lessen yor: owne loss & encrease ours in ye: Genll: books as you have done in those Journal Parcells sent us entred ye: 30th: of Aprill 1690 of James Sowdon's debt Rs. 159 : 7 : 6 : Jno: Haynes Rs: 1992 : 12 : 3 : & 30 Aprill 1691 R. Trenchfeild's debt Rs:

* Pages 21—70 in the original volume are missing and the omission has been supplied from the India Office Factory Records, Fort St. George, Vol. XXII, which ends on page 55 *infra*.

3843 : 7 : 6 : whereof 'tis true you have formerly sent advize to Fort St. George & have rec^{d} : no satisfactory answer nor can Wee give you any further answer then what is contained in M^{r} : Haynes & Trenchfeilds Papers w^{ch} : wee sent for yor : perusall & answer that Wee may thereupon ground a legall demand Mr. Trenchfeild's debt is R^{s} : 2407 : Wee can make no demand for y^{e} : remaining R^{s} : 1436 : 7 : 6 : whereof Wee have no account as to M^{r} : Sowdon when he comes hither shall demand his two debts but have nothing to prove y^{t} : of Pattana your meer asserting of it in a gen^{ll} : letter being no Proof without y^{e} : books themselves or an attested copy of his account as it stands therein. Wee have demanded Mr Watts debt & for answer gives us y^{e} : enclosed Paper he has p^{d} : pa : 32 w^{ch} : he acknowledges due & denyes payment of y^{e} : rest till it be proved. As to y^{e} : charge of y^{e} : Success Frigatt am [*lacuna*] A [*lacuna*] Armenian has consented y^{t} : his 11 bales of broad Cloth be d͠d : to his order in Bengall & by ship St. Mark comes Coja Marcos & brings y^{e} : bill of ladeing to demand them, take effectuall care y^{t} : they be accordingly d͠d & y^{t} : upon delivery Coja Marcos give a receipt for them w^{ch} : send to us by y^{e} : first oppertunity Wee haveing agreed wth : him y^{t} : upon procureing s^{d} : receipt here he's to pay R^{s} : 677 : 28 : due by bill of ladeing to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : &c^{a} : Capt : Bromwell is obliged to Mr Dolben particularly for y^{s} : accomodation w^{ch} : is so advantagious for him y^{t} : y^{e} : Armenian expects no further satisfaction from him for all damages but y^{t} : y^{e} : Capt : pay for y^{e} : fr^{tt} : to Fort St. George w^{ch} : wee doubt not he'll readily comply wth : Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds

N. HIGGINSON.
J^{N} : DOLBEN.
W : FRASER.
JAMES WHEELER.

LIST OF Y^{E} PACKETT TO BENGALL PER SAPHIR.

N°. 1. Gen^{ll} : Letter dated y^{e} : 22nd June 1693.
2. Inv^{o} : of Ship Saphir.
3. Coppy of Messrs. Trenchfeilds & Watts answer concerning their debts in Bengall books.
4. Copy of M^{r} : Haynes ditto.
5. Saphirs bill of Ladeing.
6. Acco^{t} : of fr^{tt} : goods laden on y^{e} : Saphir.
7. Directions for y^{e} : use of y^{e} : Clock.
8. Coppy of an order of w^{t} : shall be p^{d} : for passes.

TO THE R^{T} : WORP^{LL} : FRANCIS ELLIS ESQ
AGENT &C^{A} : COUNC^{LL} : FOR AFFAIRS
OF Y^{E} : R^{T} : HON^{BLE} : ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL.

This morning Wee are informed y^{t} : last night M^{r} : John Evans Minister & M^{r} : W^{m} : Thompson Factor did privately convey themselves out of towne & from S^{t} : Thoma went aboard ship S^{t} : Marck rideing in our road belonging to Armenians whereof y^{e} : Supra Cargoe & part Owner is Ignatio Marco & Sam^{ll} : Rickson Pilott bound for Bengall & Persia & upon their comeing aboard y^{e} : Ship sett saile in y^{e} : night.

M^{r} : Evans has desired leave to go to Bengall & twas never denyed him but his Excel͠l only took upon him to performe y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : orders in

India relating to freemen & to Mr: Evans in particular in order to a genll: regulačon there being time enough for a passage into Bengall a month hence: Mr: Thompson had made applicačon for leave to go to Persia in order to his passage for Europe yt: way & was deny'd but wth: all had leave granted him to go on ye: Berkley Castle, he has requested to be discharg'd ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Service but was never & he still stands under ye: obligačon of his Indentures.

These Persons haveing given us just reason as well by their former carriage in Bengall & here as by their private running away to suspect yt: their going to Bengall is to prosecute some ill designs to ye: prejudice of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: trade there ye: publick interest of ye: Načon & ye: disturbance of ye: English Factory at Chutanutte you must therefore cause them both if they come to your Factory to be there detained unless they can produce to a sufficient authority for their comeing thither untill his Excell ye: Commissary shall arrive or send his order or if ys: come to your hands before ye: St: Marck arrives order ye: Capt: of ye: Europe ships to send their Boats aboard her when she comes up ye: River wth: a sufficient force to bring them out of ye: ship into yor: Factory if they escape you at their first coming use your utmost diligence to gett them into your possession to prevent ye: mischiefs wch: wee justly suspect. Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds

N. Higginson.
John Dolben.
W: Fraser.
James Wheeler.

Fort St: George 28 June 1693.

To His Excy: Sr: Jno: Goldsborough Knt:
Commissary Genll: for all affairs of ye:
Rt: Honble: English East India Company.

May it please yor: Excelly:

Our last was ye: 22 inst: on Tuesday wee recd: yor: Excy: of ye: 27 Inst by Peons & one dated 24 by Mr: Hains who came hither on a Dutch Sloop.

On Monday ye: day appointed for ye: dispatch of ye: Saphir neither Mr. Holcombe nor Mr Alvarez had finished ye: ladeing of their goods for Bengall & Vizagapatam on Tuesday wee dd ye: Vizagapatam Packett to Mr Holcombe & ye: Bengall to ye: Master of ye: Ship wth: his dispatch but in ye: afternoon 100 sticks reddwood were sent ashoare to make room for ye: goods belonging to ye: Gentlemen of Vizagapatam & Mr. De Costa who goes as Mr Alvarez Factor was ye: same day taken ill yt: twas doubtfull till ys: morning whether he could proceed or no and just as they were going off wee were informed yt: Mr John Evans & Mr W: Thompson went privately last night to St. Thoma & from thence aboard ye: Armenian ship St Marck wch: sail'd in ye: night as soon as they came aboard Wee thereupon agreed to write to ye: Agent &ca: to gett them into ye: Factory & keep them there till your Exys: arrivall justly suspecting ye: busie Politick Padre goes upon ill designs to ye: prejudice of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: affairs he left a letter behind him directed to your Excy: &ca: wch: wee opened supposeing Wee might thereby learne something of his design & comes herewth: the Armenians are highly culpable & Capt: Rickson no less whom ye: President sent for 4 or 5 days agoe & gave him a strict order yt: no passengers should go on ye: ship wth:out our leave but in what manner ys: act is to be resented Wee refer to yo : Excy: Wee will take all ye: care Wee can yt: Capt: Freke do not go hence before ye: Lead comes.

The Gold Chain & Paddy sold by Mr: Thomas Yale to Mr Hatsell is not in y^{e}: action entred against him & y^{e}: Judge saith y^{t}: may be best laid in action by itself sometime before y^{e}: other is finished.

The 5 fan^{s}: rec^{d}: wth: yor: Exc^{y}: of y^{e}: 24 Wee dd̃ to y^{e}: Assay Master y^{e}: report whereof Wee shall send by y^{e}: next.

Wee are very glad ther's so fair an understanding between yor: Exc^{y}: & y^{e}: Dutch as yor: Exc^{y}: is pleased to informe us Wee are.

Your Exc^{y}: most Hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

N. Higginson.
John Dolben.
W^{m}: Fraser.
James Wheeler.

[*P.S.*]
Since writeing y^{e}: foregoing we find wee are misinformed as to Mr: Thompsons going wth: Mr Evans he being seen to day in towne.

To his Exc^{y}: S^{r}: Jno: Goldsborough Kn^{t}: Comissary Gen^{ll}: & Supravis^{r}: for all affairs of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: English East India Company in India.

May it please yor: Excell^{cy}:

Our last of y^{e}: 28 Ins^{t}: advised y^{e}: departure of y^{e}: Saphir since w^{ch}: none from yor: Exc^{y}:

Inclosed is y^{e}: Assay Masters report of y^{e}: Fort St. Davids fannams w^{ch}: yor: Excell sent wth: yours of y^{e}: 24th: Ins^{t}: to be assayed & they hold out 4 matt.

Here's reports y^{t}: Bawder chan is comeing from y^{e}: Mogull to be Govr: of y^{s}: Countrey & I hear y^{t}: Alle Merdun Chans son is also comeing into these parts with an Army & Mahomad Ally Beague wth: him who was formerly Nabob & was entertained here when routed by y^{e}: Morattaes & y^{t}: Assud Caune is confined to a fort & y^{t}: Assum Tara has y^{e}: Mogulls order to secure Zulphaker Caun but Wee know not what creditt to give to such reports for want of good intelligence from y^{e}: Camp w^{ch}: wee think is very necessary at y^{s}: time & therefore pray yor: Excell leave to send some able Braminy to remain at y^{e}: Camp privately, at an allowance of four or 5 pa: per month to enable him y^{e}: better to gett intelligence & 4 or 5 Peons to go constantly between y^{s}: place & y^{t}: to carry & bring Letters by w^{ch}: means Wee may gain a more timely & certain knowledge of many things y^{t}: will be a good direction in y^{e}: managem^{t}: of a treaty for a Phirm^{d}: if your Excell shall think fitt to proceed therein.

Since writeing y^{e}: foregoing Wee rec^{d}: yor: Exc^{y}: 27 & are glad y^{e}: Fort St. David Merch^{ts}: promise so fair since ours are so backward y^{t}: thô they promised to come to us on Monday both on y^{t}: day & y^{s}: they failed & suppose they do await yor: Exc^{y}: returne.

Mr. Chapman is gone to Vizagapatam but wth: out security w^{ch}: was demanded of him but could procure none.

Wee know no necessity of Mr. Cuthberts returne hither wth: respect to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: business.

Since your Excell has good reason to think Alle Merdun Chan will be sett att liberty Wee think 'tmay not be remiss to express some more then ordinary civility to his Brother in Law residing here for y^{e}: managem^{t}: of Allemerdun Chan's business 'tbeing very probable he'le [be] reinstated in a very considerable employ in y^{s}: Countrey.

Wee hear no report of any English ships more y^{n}: a Flying report before yor: Exc^{y}: went.

Azum Tarra Bux Prince has sent a Letter in his name by two Jassoots for buying Persia Fruit & rarities y^{e}: list of w^{ch}: is sent to Coja Gregoria & his Doct^{r}: has also written on y^{e}: same subject advising to assist & offering his service to whome Wee shall have occasion to apply.

To morrow Wee shall know whether they have brought money or no & pray yor: Exc^{y}: whether wee may send a Present some of all sorts to his Doctor to be d̃d by him to y^{e}: Prince w^{ch}: will not amo^{t}: to above 150 pag^{ds}: & is to small to be sent immediately by us to y^{e}: Prince but may gratify & oblidge if sent before he receives any from others; Wee are

Yo^{r}: Exc^{y}: most hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

29 June 1693.

N. Higginson.
Jo: Dolben.
W: Fraser.
James Wheeler.

To his Exc^{y}: S^{R}: Jn^{O}: Goldsborough
Kn^{T}: Commissary Gen^{LL}: & Supravis^{R}:
for affairs of y^{E}: R$^{T}_{l}$: Hon^{BLE}: Eng^{H}:
East India Company in India & Y^{E}:
Worp^{LL}: W^{M}: Hatsell Esq. Dep^{Y}:
Gov^{R}: in Fort St. David.

May it please yor: Exc^{y}:

Inclosed is an Invoice of 10 Candy Countrey Powder amo^{t}: pa: 201 sent you by Mockadum Ninas Sloop in Duppers for w^{ch}: please to creditt [*lacuna*] & remitt us a particular acco^{t}: of what has been sent to Fort St. David by s^{d}: Sloop in 2 or 3 months past that Wee may see whether our accounts do agree Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds

30 June 1693.

N. Higginson.
J. Dolben.
W: Fraser.
James Wheeler.

To the Hon^{BLE}: Christian Pouch
Gov^{R}: for y^{E}: Royall Danes
Company att Fort Danesbergh.

Honble: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee rec^{d}: yor: Letter dated 26 June advising y^{t}: Capt: Freke Comd^{r}: of ship Samuell has desired yor: Hon^{r}: to send to Fort St. George 230 piggs Lead w^{ch}: Wee understand by his owne acknowledgm^{t}: as well as by yor: Hon^{rs}: Letter y^{t}: he had taken out of s^{d}: ship & landed in y^{e}: Fort of Danesberg delivering y^{e}: same into yor: Hon^{rs}: custody Wee therefore advice yor: Hon^{r}: y^{t}: y^{e}: s^{d}: Lead doth belong unto y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble English East India Company & y^{t}: y^{e}: Capt: being under an Obligac̃on to d̃d y^{e}: same at Fort St. George did in pursuance thereof & wth: our consent request yor: Hon^{r}: to send it hither y^{t}: he might d̃d it to us & wee desire yor: Hon^{r}: to comply wth: his request not doubting but y^{t}: yor: Hon^{r}: will hold y^{t}: fair & freindly correspondence w^{ch}: Wee have hitherto maintained & are inclined to improve in all occasions which yor: Hon^{r}: shall make knowne to us to be for y^{e}: service of y^{e}: Royall Danish Company or of yor: Hon^{r}: being

Your Hon^{rs}: affect: Freinds

3 July 1693.

N. Higginson.
J. Dolben.
W: Fraser.
J. Wheeler

To his Exc^{y}: S^{r}: J. Goldsborough
Kn^{t}: Commissary Gen^{ll}: & Supravis^{r}:
for affairs of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: English
East India Company in India.

May it please yor: Exc^{y}:

Our last was y^{e}: 30 past y^{s}: day Wee rec^{d}: yor: Exc^{y}: of y^{e}: 28 past wth: Coppy of y^{e}: gen^{ll}: to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: per Berkley Castle from Fort St. David dated 26 June 1693 & a letter & translate from y^{e}: Govr: of Trincumbarr to yor: Excell wth: a seal'd Letter to Capt: Freke.

After y^{e}: Box of Letters to be sent per Berkley Castle was nailed up there was sent in a few Letters to y^{e}: Sec^{ry}: w^{ch}: y^{e}: President ordered him to make up in a Packett & put y^{e}: Comp^{as}: Seal on it & dd wth: y^{e}: Box to y^{e}: Purser after y^{e}: Box and all was sent off Mr. Thomas Yale sent him a Letter w^{ch}: he thinking he ought to put y^{e}: Seal on it, did so, & sent it off wth: a Catamaran but y^{e}: ship sailing too soon y^{e}: Letter was brought back & tis probable Mr. Yale did afterwards send y^{e}: same by Peon after y^{e}: ship under covert to Mr. Biggs.

By Arum Tarra's order his Buxie Motakio Chan sent an Husbullhookum for assisting their servants in disposeing of Shauls 6000 sent hither to be sold for y^{e}: buying Elephants & another to assist other Serv^{ts}: in procuring Persia Fruits & Rarities translate of both comes inclosed y^{e}: Shauls are brought into Towne but not ¼ part of them can find a Markett here & it falls under yor: Exc^{y}: consideracon whether such part of them as are not sold but carryed out againe should pay Land Custome Jutta da Chan to whom they belong is y^{e}: Man who took Rama Rajas elder Brother & thereby obtain'd great favour at Court. As for y^{e}:. Persia Fruit & Rarities demanded they are prescribed by y^{e}: Princes Doctor Johannes Potuliet who has wrote also to Senr: Gregory & sent him y^{e}: list wth: bills of Exchange for money to pay for them y^{e}: whole list of fruit & Rarities will not cost 250 pag^{ds}: but there's another Broad Cloth fine Callicoes & Silks w^{ch}: will cost about 1000 pa^{s}: if yor: Excell shall think fitt to make any Present to Arum Tarra y^{s}: would be a good oppertunity to do it cheaper & more acceptable then at another time if Wee should present him wth: y^{e}: things demanded & returne y^{e}: money sent to buy them & if yor: Exc^{y}: shall approve thereof Wee will be preparing to gett y^{e}: things ready against yor: Exc^{y}: returne But there's one great argument against y^{e}: spending much money viz: y^{e}: uncertainty of his continuance in these parts on y^{e}: other hand if he continues twill cost us more he'le certainly expect to receive some acknowledgement from us, whether hee stays or no & if Wee altogether fail wee make him our Enemy & create in him a resentment w^{ch}: may hereafter turn to a greater prejudice then may be foreseen he being in y^{e}: same capacity wth: y^{e}: rest of his Brethren for y^{e}: Succession in w^{ch}: respect it seems necessary at least to gratifie him: wth: a present of Persia Fruit & Rarities before he be furnished by other hands but Wee refer all to yor: Excell direction.

Upon y^{e}: comeing away of y^{e}: Hackney in her passage from Fort St. David hither Wee wrote to Zulphaker Chan for his order for y^{e}: delivery of y^{e}: ship & goods detained by y^{e}: Avaldar w^{ch}: he hath sent us & at Mr. Chardins request & charge (who's only concerned in y^{e}: goods) Wee are sending y^{e}: same to demand y^{e}: goods.

Inclosed is Coppy of y^{s}: days Consultacon relateing to Capt: Freke & a Letter to y^{e}: Govr: of Trinkumbar signed by us & as yor: Exc^{y}: directed Wee perceive Capt: Freke is not free to tell us whether he intended to carry his ship in Bengall wee asked him whether to Chuttanuttee or Hugeley he answered to y^{e}: place w^{ch}: is best for repairing his ship y^{e}: Govr: of Trincumbars Letter to Capt: Freke w^{ch}: he shewed us says, I hope y^{t}: yor: troubles will be at an end & y^{t}: you'l soon proceed on your voyage to Bengall Therefore Capt: Freke had either disowned a Bengall voyage or writt to him since & tis not impossible he may be under some contract wth: them for freighting goods for y^{e}: Danes account from Bengall from whence they are wholy supply'd by y^{e}: help of other nacons being themselves in warr & who knows how such a man as Capt: Freke may

behave himself in Bengall & whether if an oppertunity offer he may not turn interloper & lade his ship directly home wth : y^{e}: stock of such as may be willing to adventure Wee suggest these things to yor: Excell : y^{t} : if yor : Excell : should be detained longer at Fort St. David y^{n} : y^{e} : season will allow y^{e} : Sam^{ll} : to stay if she proceed to Bengall Wee may receive yor: Excell : directions in what manner Capt : Freke may be restrained from committing any extravagant actions there to y^{e}: prejudice of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: affairs for we justly fear he'le not submitt unto y^{e} : direction of y^{e} : Agent & Counc^{ll} : Wee are

Your Excy most humble Serv^{ts} :

3 July 1693.

N. Higginson.
Jn : Dolben.
W : Fraser.
James Wheeler.

To Johannes Potuliet
Physitian to Prince Arum Tarra.

I rec^{d}: your kind Letter by y^{e}: Goorsburdars you sent hither to provide rarities for y^{e} : Prince who now returns wth : w^{t} : y^{e} : place affords having ordered Coja Gregoria to whome you wrote to use all diligence in procureing them w^{ch} : I hope has done to yor : satisfacon there came but very little Persia Fruit y^{s} : year y^{e}: greatest part was bought up by Moors & Persians before yor: Messengers came you are famous & happy in y^{e}: favour of so great a Prince w^{ch} : gives you an oppertunity of doing services for y^{e} : European Nacons who have been misrepresented to his Majesty as Robbers & Pyrates because some ships have of late years come out of Europe into y^{e} : Indian Seas & have committed sev^{ll} : Pyracies upon all sorts of ships they meet wth : without distinction of nations tis too well knowne y^{t} : when they meet wth : any of y^{e}: English or Dutch Companys ships whome they can overcome they do not spare them more y^{n} : y^{e} : ships of India but all nacons fare alike when they fall into their power They are a sort of People who forsaking all human society & defying all laws divine & humane do make warr against mankind & like savage Beasts live by Prey & yon know y^{t} : by y^{e} : Laws of y^{e} : Kingdom & States of Europe they are treated as such being ordained to Death & all men are as much bound to destroy them (as Nature teaches by instinct to destroy wild Beasts & venomous creatures) whenever an oppertunity offers by y^{e} : Law of Nations y^{t} : Prince whose subjects have suffered by Pyracy cannot demand satisfaction from y^{t} : Prince whose subjects have committed it because y^{e} : Offenders dont only act without y^{e}: consent & authority but against y^{e} : Laws of his Prince & tis not in y^{e}: Power of any Prince to restrain them otherwise then by forbidding them under penalty of Death Tis not therefore to be imputed to y^{e}: Europe Nations as a fault if from any part of Europe there comes a ship wth : a mixt number of French, English, Danes, Dutch, Portugueeze & Spaniards, &c^{a}: into these parts of y^{e}: World [to] prey upon y^{e}: ships belonging to y^{e}: subjects of Indian Princes & make use of what Colours they please to choose but tis to be accounted a great misfortune y^{t}: these things have not been truly represented to y^{e}: Emperor who doubtless is informed y^{t}: these Pyrates do belong to y^{e}: Europe Companys who trade hither & hath thereupon given forth an Husbullhookum to Surratte & Bengall forbidding all Hatt People to trade but I heare y^{e}: Govr : of Surratte & Nabob of Bengall have wrote to y^{e} : King & till they receive his further order forbear to hinder trade Doubtless if y^{e} : King were rightly informed he would rather prohibitt all his Subjects throughout his Empire from trading with or entertaining of any ships in his Majesties Ports w^{ch} : do not belong to y^{e} : Europe Companyes & w^{ch} : are not owned by their Cheifs & have their passe otherwise his Majesties Subjects may entertain Pyrates instead of Merch^{ts} : but if those Pyraticall ships had no countenance nor Assistance in his Majesties Ports how can they subsist in India You are a wise man & understand these things well I dont write to inform you only

put you in mind of an important affair wherein you may gain yourself a reputacon by being y[e] : instrument of a publick good.

I do earnestly desire yo[r] : freindship to Doct[r] : Browne & hasten him to his Family who wants him he went only to cure one of Cossim Cauns Servants but it seems Cossim Caune has carryed him into y[e] : Countrey I cannot spare him longer being a sickly time here.

I desire you to accept of a Chest Serrash & Rosewater w[ch] : comes to you by my Coolys sent w[th] : y[e] : Goorsburdars & continue yo[r] : Freindship in giveing me yo[r] : advices particularly I request to be timely informed of y[e] : Princes advanceing into these parts y[t] : when he come I may not fail in y[e] : acknowledgements due to so great a Person & y[e] : Kings son whereby you'l greatly oblidg

Your assured Freind most
ready to serve you
N. Higginson.

18 July 1693.

To the Worp[ll] : W. Hatsell Esq. Dep[ty] :
Gov[r] : of Fort St. David &c[a] : Councill.

On y[e] 11 in y[e] Evening y[e] Comissary arrived here y[s] : day was rec[d] : yours of y[e] : 10 Ins[t] : by y[e] : returned Peons Wee have sent you silver fannams to y[e] : am[o] : of pa : 300 : & if they pass currently wee will hereafter supply you w[th] : more as soon as you advise. Wee shall send you y[e] : Measures & Wax as soon as Opportunity offers.

The Powder sent you by Mockadum Ninas Sloop was invoiced at pa : 20 : per Candy because wee sell it here at 26 & now stands in our books at 20. We are.

Your affect : Freinds
N. Higginson.
Jn : Dolben.
W : Fraser.
James Wheeler.

13 July 1693.

To Mochakid Caune.

I rec[d] : your freindly Letter & have observed y[e] : contents thereof you wrote me y[t] : you would have me buy you some Eliphants &c[a] : by Mahomud Ruff Beague y[e] : Kings Munsubdar I cannot procure any fitt for your purpose as for what Assistance I have given you you'l understand further by M. Ruff Beague hopeing you'l continue y[e] : same towards me as I am

Your Freind to serve you
N. Higginson.

17 July 1693.

To y[e] : Worp[ll] : Francis Ellis Esq. Agent
&c[a] : Councill for affairs of y[e] : R[t] :
Hon[ble] : English East India Company in Bengall.

Our last was y[e] : 22 June per ship Saphir principally concerning accounts depending long between Fort St. George & Bengall & y[e] : 28 ditto concerning Mr. John Evans who ran away on y[e] : St. Marcke on y[e] 25 Ins[t] : Wee rec[d] : advise from Callicutt y[t] : y[e] : W[m] : Bouy[r] : w[ch] : accompanied y[e] : Mary from Surratte was lost in a storme near y[t] : place but y[e] : Men were saved yet Wee hear nothing of y[e] : Letters & Invoice w[ch] : she brought for y[e] : ladeing of both y[e] : Bouyers so y[t] : wee hope you have as wee desired in ours of y[e] : 15 June taken an exact acco[t] : of what you found on y[e] : Mary Bouyer.

There has been yet no application made to ye: Mogull since our last our dependance haveing been placed on a bargaine made wth: Assud Chan & his Son Zulphaker Chan & their faire promises for a Phirmaund but they have been both wavering in ye: Kings favour for sevll: months past so yt: Wee know not what to judge ye: last news Wee have is yt: Assud Chan is cutt of & his son sent for to ye: King under displeasure if ys: proves true twill be very difficult for us to find out fitt instruments ye: cha[n]ge of ye: Ministers of Court & ye: Countrey Goverment is too frequent yt: tis to no purpose to be at more charge unless Wee can proceed upon better assurance yt: Wee shall not loose it. Wee shall make a shift here as well as wee can wth:out a Phirmaund & as for ye: affairs of Bengall wee are altogether ignorant how they stand there haveing recd: no advices from you since ye: 3d: of Aprill last concluding your letters are miscarry-ed ye: necessity of addressing to Court wth: respect to Bengall will be determin'd by ye: Comissary after his arrivall.

Inclosed is Invoice of 40 Candy of Reddwood consigned to you by Gingerlee Brigantine for account of ye: Rt: Honble: Company amo: pa: [*lacuna*] also an accot: of her charges amo: to pa: 303 : 17 : wch: wee thus charge to yor: Agency having been for accot: of ye: Comissary Genll: passage to Bengall.

By ye: Saphir send us 4 or 6 Civett Catts wth: what is necessary for their feeding & directions for their preserving alive wth: 50 or 100 md: of Bengall Match wth: some sealing Wax for our use.

The Comy: carries wth: him 3 of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Writers viz Batson Pearson, Wm: Bugden, & Samll: Lash & Doctr: Thomas Faucett We are

Your affect: Freinds

26 July 1693.

J. Goldsborough.
N. Higginson.
J. Dolben.
W. Fraser.
J. Wheeler.

List Bengall Packett per G. Brigantiné.

No.

1. Ditto Brigantines Invoice.
2. Dittos bill of Ladeing.
3. List of ditto stores.
4. List of ye: Saphires Stores wth: an accot: of ye: mens wages.
5. List of Soldiers sent on ye: Brigantine.
6. Accot: of Plate & provisions sent on ditto.
7. Accot: of Stores dd ditto.
8. Genll: Letter dated (to ye: Agent & Councill of Bengall) 29 July 1693.

To Ye: Honble: Christian Pouch
Govr: for ye: Royall Danish Company att Trincumbar.

Honble: Sr:,

Wee recd: yor: Honrs: wellcome Letter of ye: 21 July adviseing yt: you had sent no piggs of ye: Rt: Honble: East India English Compas: Lead by Sloop Quintus wee do hereby acknowledge to receive & depend upon yor: Honrs: promise of sending ye: residue per first good opportunity.

In pursuance to ye: order wch: our Rt: Honble: Masters have given & con-forme to ye: mutuall freindship formerly practist, Wee are alwayes well inclined to give our best assistance of ye: affairs of ye: Royall Danish Company when yor: Honr: shall think fitt to lay yor: commands upon us but Wee are prevented from expressing our readiness therein when yor: Honr: do entrust ye: Royall Danish Companys business wth: a private inhabitant of ys: place without giveing us ye:

knowledge thereof w^{ch}: Wee take notice of to yor: Hon^{r}: not y^{t}: Wee are offended but y^{t}: Wee might acquit ourselves from y^{e}: blame, w^{ch}: our R^{t}: Honble: Masters may charge upon us till y^{t}: they shall understand y^{t}: y^{e}: same doth not arise from our neglect but from yor: Hon^{rs}: own choice, wherein yor: Hon^{r}: may use all freedome according to your owne pleasure God preserve yor: Hon^{r}: in health & prosperity Wee are

Your Hon^{rs}: affect: & hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

1 August 1693.

N. Higginson.
J. Dolben.
W. Fraser.
J. Wheeler.

To the Worp^{ll}: W^{m}: Hatsell Esq.
Dep^{ty}: Govr: &c^{a}: Councill for affairs
of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: East India Company.

Wee rec^{d}: yours of y^{e}: 22 Wee cannot prevail wth: any Measure[r]s to remove to Fort St. David unless wee allow them to relieve one another by changing once in six months, therefore forbear to send them till Wee know whether you think convenient to admitt them upon those terms.

The 5 fann^{s}: you sent as per our Assay Masters report holds out but 4 matt Wee suppose them to be coyned by our Madrass Minters & therefore they have committed an error in y^{e}: coyning or y^{e}: Assay Master in assaying y^{t}: Wee may be y^{e}: better satisfied, send us 5 more w^{ch}: were coyned at y^{e}: same time; for a second tryall; upon finishing whereof wee shall soon send you a determination relating to Rama Linga & Moota Chitty. Our present thoughts are y^{t}: if you find y^{e}: silver fan^{s}: pass currently in y^{e}: Countrey tis more advantagious to coin them & lay aside y^{e}: Gold quite; concerning which pray give us your opinion.

Wee must take some time to consider of an answer to what you write concerning your Talliaar.

Wee have paid y^{e}: Bill you drew upon us for pa: 300: to y^{e}: President & have received 30 bales of Cloth per Sloop Thomas & Sarah wth: their Invoice am^{o}: pa: 1690: 19: 2:

Ensign Reay may come to y^{e}: Fort at his own charge. We shall send you Rosewater by y^{e}: next; Wax you may buy there as cheap as here viz. pa: 30: per Ca:

Wee are
Your affect: Freinds

1 August 1693.

N. Higginson.
J. Dolben.
W. Fraser.
James Wheeler.

To His Exc^{y}: S^{r}: Jno: Goldsborough
Kn^{t}: Comissary Gen^{ll}: Cheif Govr: and
Supra^{r}: for affairs of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble:
Eng: East India Comp^{a}: in India.

May it please yor: Exc^{y}:.

Wee hope these will find yor: Exc^{y}: safe arrived in Bengall. Senr: Francisco Mendes having voluntarily given his obligacon not to carry in his ship Annapour[n]a any Persons in y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Companyes Service or Inhabitants of Madrass without leave. Wee have dismissed Mr. Barroon & y^{e}: Portugueez at whose house he lay privately in y^{e}: Copang & given Mr. Barroon leave to proceed upon y^{e}: ship for Tenassery according to yor: Exc^{y}: direction.

The Cheif Merch^{ts}: & Cheif Dubash have been sick for 3 or 4 days w^{ch}: is y^{e}: reason y^{t}: wee have not yet concluded y^{e}: contract wth: y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: & is y^{e}: excuse alleadged for not waiting on your Excell at yor: departure.

Wee have no further news concerning y^{e}: Dutch their proceedings against Pulicherry.

Capt: Frekes has refused to accept of y^{e}: money for charges of y^{e}: Lead formerly agreed on his own request to lend him on Bottomry or account Average.

Inclosed is y^{e}: Berkeley Castle bill of Lading for England w^{ch}: was omitted to be made up in y^{e}: Packett to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Company & wee pray your Excell to send it.

Wee have no further news concerning y^{e}: Camp only y^{s}: day came hither Percolla Chine Washa wth: Zulphaker Chan's order for y^{e}: goverment of Trivalore & Tripopalore w^{ch}: shews y^{t}: he is yet Nabob of y^{s}: Countrey.

M^{r}: Thomas Yale yesterday arrested Eram Rause in an action of 5000 pa: But y^{e}: Judge upon his distraction of y^{e}: cause of action has caused bail to be taken for a 1000 pa: & Eram Rause will proceed in a day or two for Fort St. David. Wee are

Your Exc^{y}: very humble Serv^{ts}:

1st August 1693.

N. Higginson.
J. Dolben.
W. Fraser.
J. Wheeler.

To the Worp^{ll}: W^{m}: Hatsell Esq.
Dep^{ty}: Govr: &c^{a}: Councill att Fort St. David.

Our last was 1 inst^{t}: Wee have rec^{d}: yours of y^{e}: 10th: Since Acco^{ts}: & Bargains in your parts are genlly made in Chuckrums consisting of 10 great fannams tis not expedient to lay aside y^{e}: coine of great fann^{s}: but if they could be conveniently coined instead of Gold 'twould doubtless be a considerable advantage to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Company & would in time pass more currently y^{n}: y^{e}: Fort St. George fannams whereof you have made an experiment consider of it & give us yor: advice y^{t}: wee may either resolve here or refer it to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Company.

Wee have 2 Watchmen in Madrass neither of whom would quit y^{s}: for your place they have for severall years been contending for a right to y^{e}: watching of y^{s}: & sev^{ll}: other towns adjacent y^{e}: contraversy is not yet adjusted nor will be in a long time y^{t}: w^{ch}: makes it difficult to determine is y^{e}: affinity & Interest each of them have wth: y^{e}: neighbouring Polligars w^{ch}: wth: y^{e}: graduall increase of y^{e}: Revenue from a small to a very considerable yearly income has for sev^{ll}: years past made our Watchmen stout & troublesome & upon every occasion stand upon high terms wth: y^{e}: Goverment from whence it may be observ'd y^{t}: y^{e}: affinity & Interest of your Watchmen tho 'tmay upon some occasions be serviceble when his will inclined yet makes him y^{e}: more proud & troublesome whenever he shall bee crossed in his humour & for y^{e}: same reason y^{e}: great increase of y^{e}: Revenues (as y^{e}: trade of y^{e}: place shall thrive) is by y^{e}: most prudent method to be prevented if you can settle a Watchman y^{t}: is independant on y^{e}: neighbouring Polligars & can limit y^{e}: Revenue so as y^{t}: hereafter 'tshall grow too great you'l be always able to govern him y^{e}: better.

In order to y^{e}: settlement of y^{e}: Watchmans Revenue cause an acco^{t}: to be drawne out as exactly as you can of y^{e}: present yearly amount as y^{e}: same, arises either by y^{e}: last Watchmans acco^{t}: or by computacon out of every particular sort of goods & remitt y^{e}: same to us; possibly Wee may be able to give some directions to prevent those inconveniencies w^{ch}: wee have had experience of here & when y^{e}: Revenue is throughly understood Wee shall y^{e}: better know how to limitt a certain sume yearly, or a certaine proportion thereof to y^{e}: Watchman &

y^{e}: overplus may be to y^{e}: Comp^{as}: use, y^{e}: overplus of y^{e}: Sea & Land Custome, or y^{e}: Customers to receive y^{e}: mony as 'tis gathered or at least to keep an acco^{t}:

You did very well in causing Padre Clerici to shut y^{e}: Portugueez church doors. Wee must never admitt y^{e}: Padre Governadore at y^{e}: Mount to exercise episcopall Jurisdiction there. Padre Clerici has not yet applied to us when he does Wee shall advise you Wee are of opinion y^{t}: neither he nor any other but y^{e}: Person or Persons who have a grant ought to officiate there either in y^{e}: church or private houses It will look too much like owning y^{e}: Padre Governadore authority and will open a Door for more hereafter to come among you y^{n}: will be convenient w^{ch}: evill may be better prevented now then removed hereafter. Therefore let Padre Paulo be restalled to officiate Padre Paulo[*sic*] revoked & cancelled y^{t}: there may be but one licence in force at a time & if Padre Paulo and y^{e}: Padre Governadore will not comply wth: this order lett not Padre Clerici or any other officiate publickly or privately by your order if you find they do in private houses you may connive at it till a grant be given to another.

During y^{e}: Dutch siege of Policherry cause Tappyes to be laid on y^{e}: Road to bring us daily or frequent advises of their progresse as you shall gain intelligence Wee have rec^{d}: yours of y^{e}: 12 instant advising their departure from Tegnapatnam.

Herewth: is a Letter to y^{e}: Govr: of Trincumbarr w^{ch}: y^{e}: Master of y^{e}: Dutch Sloop omitted to call for Let it be forwarded by a Peon Wee are

Your affect: Freinds,

16 August 1693.

N. Higginson.
J^{o}: Dolben.
W^{m}: Fraser.
James Wheeler.

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21 August 1693.

To Mr. Simon Holcombe Cheif &c^{a}: Counc^{ll}:
for affairs of the R^{t}: Honble: Eng:
East India Company in Vizagapatam.

Wee have rec^{d}: yor: gen^{ll}: Letters dated y^{e}: 17 : 19 & 27 July wth: a Bengall Packett by y^{e}: latter Wee gladly understand of y^{e}: contract you have made wth: Budde Narrain &c^{a}: for 20000 pag^{ds}: deliverable in December & y^{e}: good hopes you have of their performing so well as to bring in $\frac{1}{3}$ part in September: Wee hope you have not failed to advise y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: in Bengall of your proceedings y^{t}: they may order ships to call for yor: bales as they pass from Bengall to Madrass. However wee have now advised them by y^{e}: accompanying Packett w^{ch}: forward upon receipt wth: your own further advices.

Wee shall send you by a boat or ship in few days about 5000 pa: w^{ch}: is as much as is convenient to be trusted to such a conveyance & as much as Wee can spare at present but shall take best care Wee can for your further supply.

Wee shall be very glad to hear y^{t}: you have adjusted accounts wth: Sheek Hossan & accomodated matters wth: the Seer Laschar.

The joining of Maddapollam Merch^{ts}: was propounded only for y^{e}: assistance of yours, but if they prove capable of themselves to carry on y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: business wee have our end answer'd without them.

If y^{e}: prices of Longcloth be dearer in y^{e}: Countrey then 10 per cent advanced on y^{e}: stated prices Wee do not understand how tis possible for your Merch^{ts}: to perform their contract unless they gain excessively on y^{e}: Betellaes to make amends for their loss on y^{e}: rest.

But wee do still hope you may by y^{e}: propounded method enlarge your investment & to enable you y^{e}: better to performe it wee consent y^{t}: you may

advance 12 per cent on ye: stated prices if you cannot prevail wth: any to bring in their Cloth by their own Stocks under yt: advance & wee do ye: more earnestly urge you to use your endeavours therein because wee shall undoubtedly have occasion for more Cloth then Wee can otherwise procure for ye: dispatch of a ship in January next. We have contracted here for 27000 pagds: at Fort St. David for 20000 pagds: wch: wth: your contract makes ye: amount of ye: Coast contracts but 67000 & is too little for one great ship if Wee should receive ye: whole.

Its every way most convenient yt: your genll: books J be ballanced in August wch: will well compare wth: ye: time of ye: present Cheifs beginning wth: ye: reall rems: then taken & also wth: ye: Fort St. George genll: books therefore desire you to ballance them at yt: time & send them to us as soon as possibly you can & your books K ending Aprill 1693.

Wee recd: your remarks on Mr Fleetwoods accot: but returne you a coppy thereof wch: cause to be summed up & signed by ye: Cheif & Councill & remitt ye: same by ys: conveyance to his Excell ye: Comissy: Genll: in Bengall.

Capt Brooks says yt: ye 200 pa: sent by him on ye: Madrass Frigatt was not d̃d by himself to Mr. Fleetwood being then under confinement at Chicacul but carryed wth: him to Bengall & delivered to Agent Charnock who remitted ye: same to him by bill drawn on Mr Sherrard & is ye: sum mentioned in Mr Fleetwood own accot: vizt: ye: 11 article of his debt to accot: currt: Fort St. George recd: of Capt: Brooks Rs. 600.

The error in ye: Invoice per Gingerlee Brigantine arises thus ye: Allum Ca: 71: 3: 25: is invoiced at pa: 12: 14: per Ca: amount pa: 899: 11: 2: but at yt: rate is pa: 881: 30: 5: ye: difference is pa: 17: 16: 3.

The 70 pa: is for a pipe of Canary wch: in Mr Cheny Paymasters account in June 1689 is entred as then paid for & from his accot: is entred in our genll: books tho there was one sent in ye: March preceding wch: is likewise charged to Vizagapatam if there was 2 pipes recd: then you must charge ye: pa: 70: if but one 'tis an error in our books & must be rectified here.

By ye: first conveighance of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: ships send us two Ca: of Twine 4 Ca: of Ropes & 1000 Gunnies for embaleing also 150 Leather Bucketts.

Wee herewith send you ye: Papers you write for relateing to Mr Chapmans & Dubois accounts according to List.

The 4 bales of sugar laden on ye: Saphir & omitted to be invoiced to you amounts to pa: 12.

24 August

Inclosed is Invoice & bill of Lading for Pa: & Rups: amo: pa: 6719: 13: sent you by Sloop Nossa Senhor: de Conceicaã Anto: Fernandez Master in ye: charge of Mr. Edward Thompson Factor & Robert Atkinson Pilott whom Wee have sent only for security of ye: money & they are to return to us by ye: first opportunity during their stay in yor: Factory give them ye: necessary accomodac̃on you are to pay Anto: Fernandez pa: 20 for freight of ye: mony & passengers. We are

Your affect: Freinds

N. Higginson.
J. Dolben.
W. Fraser.
J. Wheeler.

A List of ye: Packett to his Excellency vizt:

No. 1. Capt: Robert Dorrells Letter from Calcutta.
2. Genll: from Surratte dated 19 June.
3. Copy of Fort St. George Merchts: contract for a new Investment of pa: 27000 dated ye: 17 August 1693.

4. Copyes of Clauses in Fort St. David gen^{ll}: Lr̃es to Fort St. George concerning y^{e}: Dutch siege of Pulicherry.
5. Coppyes of Fort St. George gen^{ll}: letter to Y. Fort 24 August.
6. Fort St. George gen^{ll}: to y^{e}: Comissary 21 & 24 August 1693.

To the Honble: C. Poves [*sic*] Govr:
for y^{e}: Royall Danish Company att Danesbergh.

Honble S^{r}:

On y^{e}: 1st: ins^{t}: Wee advised receipt of 120 piggs of Lead by your Sloop these are to acknowledge y^{e}: receipt of 110 more piggs by y^{e}: d^{o}: Sloop w^{ch}: is 230 piggs.

Wee are informed y^{t}: one called Capt: Sam^{ll}: Williams who lately ran away from y^{s}: place to Pulicherry & is from thence gone to Trincumbar in order to y^{e}: taking of his passage on your ship for Europe He is run away wth: a considerable sum̃e of m̃ony to avoid being accountable for it & is guilty of other ill practices Wee therefore require yor: Hon^{r}: if he comes to Trincumbar not to let him go on yor: ship but to detain him & advise us wherein yor: Hon^{r}: will greatly oblidge.

Your very affect: Freinds & Serv^{ts}:

N. Higginson.
J. Dolben.
W. Fraser.
J. Wheeler.

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21 August 1693.

To his Exc^{y}: S^{r}: Jo^{n}: Goldsborough Kn^{t}:
Commissary Gen^{ll}: & Supravisor of affairs
of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Eng: East India Company.

May it please your Excellency

Our last to yor: Excell̃ was dated 1 instant by ship Samuell inclosed are two Letters w^{ch}: came from Bengall & Suratte for yor: Excell̃ concerning y^{e}: opening whereof your Excell̃ will receive advise otherwise.

By y^{e}: enclosed copy of Paragraphs of Fort St. David Gen^{ll}: Letters your Excell̃ will understand y^{e}: proceedings of y^{e}: Dutch against Pullicherry to y^{s}: day.

Wee send your Excell̃ coppy of our contract wth: Fort St. George Merch^{ts}: for 27000 pa: upon w^{ch}: wee have paid them 10000 pa: in part whereof they rec^{d}: pa: 2000 in dollars borrowed at interest at $16\frac{1}{3}$ for 10 pa: wee have rec^{d}: 3 gen^{ll}: Lr̃es from Vizagapatam dated 17: 19 & 27 July whereof y^{e}: letter advices y^{t}: they have contracted wth: Budde Narrain &c^{a}: Marchants for 20000 pag^{ds}: d̃dble in Xber next vizt: longcloth, Sallampore, Sailcloth & Beetelaes in equall parts whereof they hope to receive $\frac{1}{3}$ part by y^{e}: 25 September next haveing 70 bales ready wee have now ordered them to advise your Excell̃ by y^{s}: conveyance w^{t}: Progress they make y^{t}: your Excell̃ may y^{e}: better know how to give order for y^{e}: disposall of their bales, wee haveing no other way to gett them hither but by y^{e}: Comp^{as}: shipping as thay pass from Bengall or by hired Countrey vessells.

The Coast contracts deliverable in Xber & January next are at Fort St. George 27000 pa: at Fort St. David 20000 at Vizagapatam 20000 in all Pa: 67000 Wee doubt not of filling up Charles y^{e}: Second or Sampson if either of them shall call here for y^{t}: purpose or if our Merch^{ts}: do all comply & wee receive y^{e}: expected supply of Pepper from y^{e}: West Coast & Saltpeter from Bengall there may be some hopes of dispatching a ship from hence in February or March next if she does not exceed 500 Tons but Wee cannot expect y^{t}: our Merch^{ts}: will

performe y^{e}: contract if wee do not in due time furnish them wth: mony for w^{ch}: yor: Excell knows our stock is to small & Wee fear shall not be able to borrow enough so y^{t}: unless wee do receive a supply from England wee shall not be in a capacity of finishing these contracts. Wee have but 4 or 5000 pag^{ds}: in Cash Fort St. David calls for mony but wee must first supply Vizagapatam wth: at least 6 or 7000 pag^{ds}: by a Countrey vessell w^{ch}: will go in five days after w^{ch}: wee shall have no Opportunity of sending them more but if your Excell can from Bengall furnish them wth: 10 or 15000 Rup^{s}: Surratt or weighty Bengall without holes twill enable them to go through wth: their contract otherwise 'tis to be feared y^{t}: y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: will fail in time.

Our last advised yor: Excell of Percoll Chinewashes coming hither wth: Zulphaker Cauns Perwanna for y^{e}: goverment of Tripopalore Trivalore Countryes since w^{ch}: Mamodareef his adopted son of about 20 years of age came wth: an Eliphant 50 Horse & 50 Rashpoots to take his pleasure & see y^{e}: place for 4 or 5 days whom Wee accomodated at y^{e}: Garden House & at his departure presented him wth: some Tonqueen lacquered Ware &c^{a} triffeling Rarities he & his Camp do affirm Assud Chan is in favour notwithstanding all reports to y^{e}: contrary & y^{t}: Zulphaker Caun has rec^{d}: fresh orders from y^{e}: King against Chingee so y^{t}: Wee are yet under y^{e}: same uncertainty y^{t}: wee were concerning Assud Chan but there is no reason to think he is casheired whilst Zulphaker Chan is continued in his goverment for he must stand & fall wth: his Father.

Allemurde Chan on y^{e}: 4th: Ins^{t}: past by in a Dutch ship wth: a flagg at topmasthead for Polliacatt they saluted y^{e}: Fort wth: thirteen Gunns wee answer'd wth: as many & sent him off two Chests of Rosewater by his Brother in Law residing here & since his arrivall at Pollicatt he wrote a Letter to y^{e}: President only matter of compliment & desireing to be furnished wth: a little Persia Tobacco whereof wee sent him foure or five Maund the President discourseing wth: his Brother in Law desired him to assure Allemurde Chan of a kind reception here if he had occasion to come y^{s}: way but was answer'd y^{t}: Allemerde Chan had writt to the Mogull & could not depart from Pollicatt till he had rec^{d}: an answer but by advices gained by a Spy Braminy y^{e}: reason is y^{t}: y^{e}: Dutch have advanct mony on behalf of Allemerden Chan & y^{t}: they'le not permitt him to go thence till it be satisfyed his old servants come in to him & he is in expectac͞o͞n of recovering his former goverment.

Wee have rec^{d}: from Vizagapatam their Remarks on Mr. Charles Fleetwoods acco^{ts}: w^{ch}: being unsigned wee have sent them a Copy wth: orders to sign it & send to yor: Excell they write to us for y^{e}: Papers relating to Mr. Du Boys & Mr. Chapmans acco^{ts}: Wee have now sent them all y^{t}: are here.

Mr. Thomas Yale being decreed by y^{e}: Court of Admiralty to pay 250 pa: for a Parcell of China Ro[o]t & Gallingall w^{ch}: he converted to his owne use & 312 for fr^{tt}: & Custome of other Persons goods whereof he rec^{d}: fr^{tt}: of y^{e}: Proprietors & never brought y^{t}: to acco^{ts}: or paid y^{e}: Custome in all 562 pa: w^{ch}: is satisfyed.

Mr. Nicks boath by y^{e}: common report & opinion of y^{e}: Chirurgeons ordered to visitt him, contracted a dangerous indisposition by close confinement wee have agreed wth: y^{e}: advice of y^{e}: Judge y^{t}: y^{e}: Marshall have leave to keep him Prisoner in his owne house taking good security to himselfe y^{t}: he shall not endeavour to escape & y^{t}: y^{e}: Mony due to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: by Judgement shall be paid in case he doth escape.

The Judge hath paid into y^{e}: Comp^{as}: Cash pa: 4809 vizt: 1292½ in full of a Judgement for a 1000 pag^{ds}: taken by y^{e}: late President Yale out of y^{e}: Comp^{as}: Cash wth: its Interest pa: 2082: 18: for what he had expended upon y^{e}: Mudd outworks w^{ch}: Interest & pa: 1434 in full of y^{e}: Judgement of pa: 4923 for y^{e}: damages sustained by his means on y^{e}: Conomeer Investment.

Having lately taken a view of y^{e}: River Wee find y^{t}: ther's ten or twelve passages through y^{e}: Wall into y^{e}: River belonging to private houses some whereof are uninhabited & lye quite open. Wee have therefore made a publick order y^{t}: y^{e}: Inhabitants concerned do stop up y^{e}: passages & repair y^{e}: walls where

there is occasion Charles round Point is already piled wee also find a necessity for piling York Point & Queens Point to prevent their being undermined one by y^{e}: sea & y^{e}: other by y^{e}: force of y^{e}: River streams w^{ch}: have already wrought to near to y^{e}: wall of Queens Point.

Chenewondra Chitte hath obtained Judgement against Vencatty in y^{e}: Mayors Court for 50 pag^{ds}: wth: Intrest & Anco for pa: 300 wth: Interest w^{ch}: Vencatty refusing to pay y^{e}: officers of y^{e}: Court have taken him in Execution.

Nalla Vincatadry hath been prosecuted in y^{e}: Court of Admiralty for y^{e}: lead & Gunns found of y^{e}: Shipp Loyall Adventure & y^{e}: Court hath decreed him to pay 149 pa: besides 72½ pa: already paid & y^{e}: remaining quarter part is for y^{e}: Macqua mens Wages &c^{a}: Charges.

Wee have not yet rec^{d}: from Mr. Haynes y^{e}: Acco^{ts}: of y^{e}: false fannams coined in Fort St. David Mint.

Wee assayed five fannams rec^{d}: from Fort St. David of y^{e}: new coynage & it proving but four Matt wee sent for five more w^{ch}: y^{e}: Assay Master reports to be but 4 Matt.

Two of y^{e}: ablest of y^{e}: Conomeer Merch^{ts}: are joined wth: our Madrass Merch^{ts}: in y^{e}: Countract & also a new Madrass Merchant w^{ch}: upon examinaco͞n of their stock are content to pay at y^{e}: rate of 90 pa: a share w^{ch}: makes their stock to be 9000 pa: tho as y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: make up their acco^{ts}: including desperate debts it comes out more. Timapah tho he has so long acted as Cheif Merch^{t}: never had any share in y^{e}: stock but he has now paid in his shares he & y^{e}: Cheif Dubash have been sick ever since yor: Excell went their sickness & y^{e}: adjustments of y^{e}: Acco^{ts}: of y^{e}: Stock have been y^{e}: reason why wee come not to a conclusion wth: y^{m}: till y^{e}: 7th: August.

As to Dr. Browns Perwanna from Cossim Chan for Trivalore &c^{a}: wee have concluded y^{t}: 'tis not expedient y^{t}: he enter upon y^{e}: same because y^{e}. Rent is not determin'd & because as yet Zulphaker Chan is actually in y^{e}: Goverment.

Wee have d͞d to our Merch^{ts}: a Covett or two of y^{e}: head Musters of each sort of cloth contracted for to send into y^{e}: Countrey by their Factors to direct y^{e}: making of y^{e}: Weavers loomes fitt to weave Cloth of pu[n]jums equall to y^{e}: respective Musters y^{e}: generality of their looms having been altered for sev^{ll}: years to a less Number then formerly.

The Talliaars grow Troublesome y^{t}: their is great reason for adjusting y^{t}: Point as soon as can be their People being mett lately at an adjacent Town w^{ch}: they rent of y^{e}: Duan were very near engaged in a quarrell about y^{e}: land but were then timely recalled but y^{e}: quarrell soon after renewing & having intelligence y^{t}: thay made a private preparaco͞n for goeing out to fight Wee sent for y^{e}: two Cheif Talliars & confined them for 3 or 4 days to prevent their quarrelling y^{e}: matter is at present accomodated by Permitting Aringapanagge to go on wth: y^{e}: ground & allowing Timapah a valuable considerac͞on out of their Choultry Revenue for his present maintenance.

Att Fort St. David their Watchman ran away & carried all his men wth: him they wrote to us to send them one of ours but they have since advised they have agreed wth: one of their neighbouring Watchmen to take charge of their Towne they also advise that the Portugueez Padre Paulo is displaced by y^{e}: Padre Governadore & one Padre Clerici appointed in his room but wee have strictly ordered y^{t}: no Person have publick allowance to officiate but such as are appointed from hence & not in y^{e}: least admitt of y^{e}: Padre Governadore authority there.

Wee have rec^{d}: 233½ piggs of ship Samuells Lead weighing 211^{ca}: 9^{md}: 11^{lb}: w^{ch}: is 13½ piggs short of y^{e}: number acknowledged by Capt: Freake & by proportion 8½ Ca: short in weight whereupon wee have taken off y^{e}: attachment laid on y^{e}: 1130: pa: in Capt: Burtons hands except pa: 120 y^{e}: value of 8½ Candy referring ye adjustment thereof to yor: Excell order.

24th August.

Inclosed is Coppy of our gen^ll^: Letter dated y^e^: 24th: August to York Fort w^ch^: wee shall send thither by a Countrey ship in five days by y^s^: conveyance Wee send to Vizagapatam 7000 Pag^ds^: Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: DOLBEN.
WM: FRASER.
J. WHEELER.

TO Y^E^: WORP^LL^: W^M^: HATSELL ESQ.
DEP^TY^: GOV^R^: &C^A^ COUNCILL AT FORT ST. DAVID.

We have rec^d^: yours of y^e^: 1 relating to y^e^: Dutch have sent you 3000 pa: in charge of Mr. Constable & Ensigne Reay w^th^: 6 Peons & Vincatte yor: Cheif Dubash & is as much as wee can spare you at present Wee are

Yo^r^: affectionate Freinds
N. HIGGINSON.
JO: DOLBEN.
WM. FRASER.
J. WHEELER.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 22TH: AUGUST 93.

TO THE WORP^LL^: W^M^: HATSELL ESQ.
DEP^TY^ GOV^R^ :&C^A^: COUNCILL ATT FORT ST. DAVID.

Yesterday wee sent you 3000 pag^ds^: overland in charge of Mr. Constable & Ensign Reay w^th^: 6 Peons.

Wee cannot determine anything concerning Rama Linga y^e^: Mint Braminy & Moota Chitty y^e^: Shroff untill wee have rec^d^: from you y^e^: quantity of each sort of fannams coined by them in yor: Mint w^ch^: tho Mr. Haines was ordered when yet wee have thought fitt to remind him thereof in a gen^ll^: letter & do hereby order him to remitt it to us forthwith y^t^: y^e^: matter may be determined Pray hasten to us yor: Generall Books &c^a^: Wee remain

Your affectionate Freinds
N. HIGGINSON.
JO: DOLBEN.
WM. FRASER.
J. WHEELER.

FORT ST. GEORGE 24TH: AUGUST 93.

TO THE WORP^LL^: CHARLES FLEETWOOD GOV^R^:
OF YORK [FORT] ATT BENCOOLEN & ALL OTHER
PLACES ON THE WEST COAST OF SUMATRA &C^A^: COUNCELL.

Herew^th^: is Coppy of our last gen^ll^: letter to you dated 25th: Feb: 1693 by ship Maddapollam w^th^: a list of y^e^: Packett then sent since w^ch^: wee have rec^d^: none from you nor any advices concerning you so y^t^: wee know not how to give you any further orders.

By our last advices to Bengall wee understand y^t^: ship Sampson will not proceed to Bencoolen as was before ordered but will be dispatcht directly for England in y^s^: or y^e^: next month.

Wee hope before y^s^: arrives you'le have dispatcht to us the Maddapollam & y^e^: Satisfaction thô have too much reason to fear y^t^: either y^e^: Satisfaction was laid up as unfitt for or y^t^: she is lost if you dispatcht her for y^s^: place.

Wee shall want yor: Pepper extreamly for y^{e}: ladeing of y^{e}: next ship for Europe & therefore if y^{e} : Madapollam shall not be dispatcht before y^{s}: arrives send her to us as soon as possible & wee intend to return her or another ship to you wth : such supplyes as you shall write for w^{ch} : you may depend upon in y^{e} : meantime wee hope y^{e} : 19680 : pag^{ds} : sent you by y^{e} : Madapollam will be enough both for y^{t} : Charge & for procuring 1000 or 1200 bahar Pepper w^{ch} : will be a sufficient supply for us here but besides y^{t} : tis probable y^{t} : in February next wee may send a ship to you to fill up wth : about 150 or 200 Tuns of Pepper.

This comes by a Countrey ship St. Kaitano Capt : W^{m} : Brooks Master.

His Excell y^{e} : Commissary departed from here for Bengall &c^{a} : parts wee have no ships arrived yet from Europe nor hear of any either English Dutch or French arrived in any part of India. Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds
N. Higginson.
Jo: Dolben.
Wm. Fraser.
J. Wheeler.

P.S.

Since his Excell y^{e} : Commissarys arrivall 'tis ordered that all goods exported & imported at York Fort & Indapoora on private trade shall there pay 5 percent. Custome w^{ch} : you are to observe notwithstanding any Certificates of Custome paid here w^{ch} : have formerly been made use of to avoide payment at y^{e} : West Coast.

N. Higginson.
Jo: Dolben.
Wm. Fraser.
J. Wheeler.

Fort St. George, 24TH : August 1693.

To the Worp^{LL} : Francis Ellis Esq^{R}. Agent
&c^{A} : Councill for affairs of y^{E} : R^{T} : Hon^{BLE} :
English East India Company in Bengall (s.c.).

This is only to acknowledge y^{e} : receipt of your gen^{ll} : Lrē dated y^{e} : 15 June by Pattamars wherein here is nothing y^{t} : requires our answer nor have wee anything to advise you more y^{n} : w^{t} : wee have now written to his Excell y^{e} : Comissary Generall unto whom wee referr you & remain.

Your very affectionate Freinds
N. Higginson.
Jo: Dolben.
Wm. Fraser.
J. Wheeler.

Fort S^{T} : George August 28TH : 1693.

To y^{R} : Worp^{LL} : Wm. Hatsell Esq^{R} ;
Dep^{TY} : Gov^{R} : & Councill of Fort St. David.

We have rec^{d} : yours of y^{e} : 25th Ins^{t} : wth : an account of fannams coined in your Mint by Rama Linga w^{ch} : acco^{ts} : wee had before but y^{t} : doth only express how many were coined of 3 sorts wth:out distinguishing w^{t} : those sorts were in their Assay his Excell the Commissary brought with [him] from Fort St. David four Assays vizt : y^{e} : Assay of y^{e} : 1st & 2^{d} : stamp each $4\frac{1}{4}$ matt y^{e} : Assay of y^{e} : 3^{d} : stamp $3\frac{3}{16}$ Matt, & y^{e} : Assay of y^{e} : 4th : stamp all Ashes wherein wee desire you to informe us if you can otherwise tis difficult to make an estimate of y^{e} : damage.

The 5 fannams rec^{d} : last from you proves in y^{e} : Assay but 4 Matt as y^{e} : first did w^{ch} : is 2½ per cent worse y^{n} : y^{e} : Matt should be y^{t} : there may be a further tryall made cause 21 fannams to be melted in y^{e} : presence of y^{e} : Mintmaster Mint Braminy & 4 or 5 Shroffs of y^{e} : melted parts cause one halfe to be assayed by them very carefully & send us y^{e} : other halfe to be assayed here.

Padre Clerici hath been wth : us y^{s} : day wth : a petition for licence to officiate at Cuddalore the answer wee have given him is y^{t} : where he produceth to us y^{e} : Licence given to Padre Paulo wee will grant him another w^{ch} : he has promised to write to Padre Paulo.

This forenoon Mr. James Wheeler dyed very suddainly w^{ch} : is supposed to proceed from Physick w^{ch} : he took in y^{e} : morning y^{t} : was powdred in a Mortar wherein Arsenick had been beaten before y^{e} : Lord defend us from all such sadd accidents & teach us a due improvement of such instances of the uncertainty of Life.

Wee shall in a short time write to Bengall & therefore pray fail not to hasten to us upon receipt of y^{s} : what news you shall there know concerning Pulicherry. Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : DOLBEN.
WM : FRASER.

FORT ST. GEORGE 31ST : AUGUST 1693.

TO THE WORP^{LL} : WM. HATSELL ESQ.
DEP^{TY} : GOV^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCILL ATT FORT ST. DAVID.

Our last was 28th : Ins^{t} : since wth : w^{ch} : have rec^{d} : yours of 26th : advising y^{e} : Capitulacõn between French & Dutch.

This serves to inclose a receipt & Invoice for Rosewater & Beeswax sent you on ship Four Brothers am^{o} : pa : 122 : 27 : Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds
N. HIGGINSON.
JO : DOLBEN.
WM. FRASER.

TO MR. SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE
&C^{A} : COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Our last was 21 & 24 past whereof Coppy goes herewth : & copy of Inv^{y} : of Rup^{s} : & Pag^{ds} : sent you by sloop Nossa Senhiora do Conceiacõ amo^{ts} : pa : 6719 : 13 : w^{ch} : wee hope you have rec^{d} : wee sent y^{s} : by a boat belonging to [*lacuna*] whom wee have engaged to touch at Vizagapatam only to d̃d y^{s} : packetts.

Dispatch our packett to Bengall by Peons to Mr. Henry Stanly at Ballasore.

The Heer Pitt wth : a fleet of 20 ships & about 1500 soldiers Europeans, Buggeses &c^{a} : hath beseiged Pulicherry & wee are advised y^{t} : Mounseiver Martin y^{t} : after y^{e} : church was taken by y^{e} : Dutch y^{e} : Fort walls battered 4 or 500 of their men run away capitulated & before y^{s} : time tis probable has surrendered upon terms whereof wee have not yet a perfect account except y^{t} : they are to be transported to Batavia on Dutch ships & from thence to Europe.

Mr. James Wheeler on y^{e} : 28th : past dyed very suddainly w^{ch} : was occasioned as is supposed by Physick wherein y^{e} : Doctor committed a mistake.

Wee can procure no good cotton fitt for your turne y^{e} : worser sort being at 15 & 16 pa : per Candy. Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds
N. HIGGINSON.
JO : DOLBEN.
WM. FRASER.

To his Excell S^r: J. Goldsborough
Kn^t: Comissary Gen^ll: & Supravisor
for affairs of y^e: R^t: Honble: English
East India Company in India att Bengall.

May it please yor: Excell.

Our last was 21, 24 past coppy whereof comes: herew^th: y^e: Fort St. David fan^s: coyned by y^e: Mint Braminy proveing by two Assays made by our Assay Master but 4 matt wee have ordered them at Fort St. David to cause 20 of y^e: same coinage to be melted down into a mass whereof they are to remitt us hither ½ & to make themselves an Assay of y^e: other ½ y^t: y^e: tryall may be y^e: more certain.

Mr. Hains has remitted to us only an acco^t: of fan^s: coyned by Rama Linga but it not distinguishing y^e: sev^ll: stamps whereof yor: Excell caused 4 Assays to be made at Fort St. David whereby our Judgement must be directed wee have wrote to them again for a more particular acco^t: & have not yet rec^d: their answer.

Padre Clericia hath been with us to request a Licence for succeeding Padre Paulo in the Portugueez church At Cuddalore w^ch: wee have consented to grant him when y^e: former licence granted to Padre Paulo shall be dd in he is subject to an Italian Superiour in Goa as appears by lres missionary produced & is independant on y^e: Padre Governadore at y^e: Mount.

On y^e: 28th: Instant Mr. James Wheeler being summoned [to] Consultacon when wee mett at 9 a Clock were told he was not well before 10 word was brought y^t: he was very sick & before 11 y^t: he was dead w^ch: was a very great surprize he having been seen to walk out y^t: morning very well after some Physick he had taken finding himselfe indisposed came home & in 2 or 3 hours vomited & purged & complaining of excessive pain in his bowells & so continued till he dyed, Doctor Browne who gave him y^e: Physick having an apprehension y^t: there had been by a mistake Arsenick mixed w^th: Powder of Pearl or one given for t'other while he was in amazem^t: & distraction of mind wrote a note to y^e: President y^t: he had murther'd Mr. Wheeler by giving him Arsenick upon w^ch: & Doctor Buckleys report who opened y^e: corps y^e: Attorney Gen^ll: was ordered to bring Doctor Browne to a tryall upon w^ch: he was y^t: day acquitted by y^e: grand Jury who brought in y^e: bill Ignoramus to y^e: dissatisfaction of y^e: Court who were of opinion there was sufficient ground for referring it to y^e: tryall of a Pettit Jury tho there does not appear any reason to suspect any malicious design in Doct^r: Browne & tis y^e: Gen^ll: opinion of those who saw y^e: body & have made strict enquiry into y^e: circumstances of things y^t: Mr. Wheeler had no poyson given him & y^t: Doctor Browne was mistaken in y^t: w^ch: first gave in cause to suspect it yet for publick satisfaction as well here as in England it had been better if y^e: proofs of all circumstances had been made Publick Wee have appointed Mr. Empson Mr. Weverell & Mr. Listar to go on w^th: y^e: business of y^e: Sea Customes as they did Mr. Empson to act as Provisionall Sea Customer till farther order & Wee have appointed Mr. Wright to be justice of y^e: Choultry to supply y^s: vacancy & Mr. Fraser being y^e: only surviving present of y^e: seaven persons named in y^e: Judge Advicates Commission out of w^ch: his assistants ought to be chosen wee have appointed him to supply Mr. Wheelers place in Court y^t: y^e: Court may not fall as to y^e: Gen^ll: Books of Fort [St. George] w^ch: y^e: R^t: H: Comp^a: by their generall letters had particularly obliged him to carry on & had made no other provision wee shall be at a very great loss unless y^e: next ship shall bring us a supply of Persons fitt for it or y^t: yor: Exce^ll: can send one from Bengall.

Our gen^ll: books ending Aprill last are brought up but to January thô tis probable wee may gett them finished yet, twill be very difficult to gett y^e: currant books carried on there being none of y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^as: serv^ts: here capable of assisting y^e: Accomptant in it except y^e: Secretary Mr. Betts.

The Shroffs having refused to change 3000 Rup^s: for y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^a: to send to Vizagapatam after it had been agreed w^th: y^e: Chief of them at a

certain rate rather more yn: a valuable consideracon for exchange whereby ye: sending of ye: mony was deferred two days wee committed them all to y : Choultry & laid a fine of a paga: upon each head & all yt: exchanged silver & gold it appearing to us yt; they did [it] designedly to avoid doing ye: Compa: Service having formerly given like Instances.

Capt: Herron having lately seen Govr: Pitt att their Camp informs us yt: Govr: Pitt told him yt: at Nagapatam a few days before their fleet returned last to Tefnapatam he spyed in his glass a ship at sea wth: English colours 600 or 700 tun standing into Negapatam Road but after ye: ship had seen ys: Fleet in ye: Road stood off to sea whereupon he ordered his Vice Admirall & Rear Admirall to go after her & wth: her but in ye: night they lost her ye: Commanders of boath ships do also affirm her to be a large Europe ship wth: English colours but wee have heard nothing more concerning her.

Wee have sold off all ye: China Allum at pa: $9\frac{1}{3}$ per Candy & ye: English at pa: $11\frac{1}{4}$ wch: will amot: to about pa: 3000.

Will yor: Excell please to order ye: Cheif of Ballasore upon ye: arrivall of shipping there from Europe or any other extraordinary accident wch: they may judge proper to advise us of to send Expresses to Fort St. George because there is at least 15 days difference between our having advices from thence and from Chuttanutta.

Herewth: is coppy of a letter from Govr: Pitt whereupon wee shall order Mr. Hatsell to go to him wth: an answer. We are

Your affectionate Freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: DOLBEN.
WM. FRASER.

LIST OF YE: PACKETT TO HIS EXCELL: YE COMISSARY GENERALL IN BENGALL.

No.

1. Copy of Fort St. George genll: letter to his Excell: ye: Comissary dated ye: 21, 24 August 1693.
2. Copy of Fort St. George genll: lre to ye: worpll: Charles Fleetwood Esq., Govr: of York Fort &ca: Councill dated the 24th August 1693.
3. Copy of paragraphs of Fort St. David Genll: Lres to Fort St. George relating to ye: Dutch proceedings against Pulicherry to ye: last August 1693.
4. Copy of Govr: Pitts Lre to President Higginson dated ye: 10th: 7ber Stila nova at Pulicherry 1693.
5. Fort St. George genll: lre to ye: Commissary dated ye: 2th: September 1693.

FORT ST. GEORGE $\frac{5}{15}$ SEPR: 1693.

TO THE HONBLE: LAURENCE PITT,
GOVR: FOR YE: RT: HONBLE: NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMPANY ATT PODDICHERRY.

Honble: Sr

I recd: your Honrs: welcome lre dated ye: 10th September wherein I am favoured wth: the notice of your taking possession of Poddicherry Fort ye: preceding day I congratulate yol: Honrs: great success in so short time whereby arises boath a common benefitt to our Confederate Nacons & Honour to yourselfe God grant yt: boath may encrease by ye: prosperous progress of yor: prudent & approved conduct & yt: I may ye: better assure yor: Honour of my sincere inclination I have ordered Mr. Wm. Hatsell ye: Depty: Govr: of Fort St. David

who is also of Councill to attend yo[r] : Hon[r] : w[th] : an express congratulation unto whom I desire yo[r] : Hon[r] : to give creditt & to accept my good wishes & y[e] : tender of my services I am Hon[ble] : S[r].

Your Hon[rs] : humble Servant,
NATH : HIGGINSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE 5TH : 7BER 1693.

TO THE WORP[LL] : W[M] : HATSELL, ESQ.,
DEP[TY] : GOV[r] : OF FORT ST. DAVID.

This serves to inclose y[e] : Presidents Lr̃e to Gov[r] : Pitt w[ch] : is an answer to one rec[d] : from him advising his takeing possession of Pulicherry Fort whereupon Wee have thought requisite to order you to make Gov[r] : Pitt a congratulatory visitt in y[e] : Presidents name w[th] : a convenient equipage d̃d him y[e] : Letter & give him y[e] : accustomed assurances of Freindship &c[a] : in such manner as yo[r] : [discretion] shall direct you.

There is one Father James a French Padre who came to St. Thoma from Pulicherry w[th] : Mounsieur Martins Lady & is in St. Thoma our French Padres here do request he may be admitted to reside here as their Assistant & do represent him to us to be an ancient man of 64 years of age & of y[e] : Capuchin order wee have deferred giving an answer till wee shall hear from you & do desire you to represent y[s] : matter to Gov[r] : Pitt not y[t] : wee would ask his leave for entertaining y[e] : man but because y[e] : Padre was one of those who lived in Pullicherry wee would have you to discourse him in such manner as to know whether Gov[r] : Pitt has any objection against y[e] : man or of our entertaining him.

George Dawson a young lad born of English Parents in Madrass an orphan under y[e] : care of y[e] : Church & by y[e] : Churchwardens bound apprentice to Robert Atkinson a seaman ran away from hence to St. Thoma & there was rec[d] : & lived in Mounsieur Grattans house I sent to him to deliver y[e] : boy but he said he was gone w[th] : y[e] : French women upon y[e] : Dutch sloop w[ch] : came to bring y[e] : French women to Pulicherry acquaint Gov[r] : Pitt herew[th] : & desire him to order y[e] : delivery of y[e] : boy.

If there be any Englishmen Prisoners to y[e] : Dutch who ran away into y[e] : French service you cannot demand them because they are Prisoners of warr but if Gov[r] : Pitt offer to d̃d them receive & secure y[m] : Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : DOLBEN.
W[M] : FRASER.

TO Y[E] : WORP[LL] : W[M] : HATSELL ESQ.
DEP[TY] : GOV[R] : &C[A] : COUNCILL OF FORT S[T]. DAVID.

Wee have rec[d] : yours of y[e] : 29 & 31 past & 2[d] : Ins[t] : whereunto wee shall suddenly returne you the necessary answer in y[e] : meantime wee have herew[th] : given Mr. Hatsell order to pay a visit to Gov[r] : Pitt.

You were to Forward in sending your congratulatory Messengers from Fort St. David w[ch] : might have been spared since tis necessary to send from hence & wee send Mr Hatsell because y[e] : charge will be less y[n] : if one of y[e] : Councill go from hence.

Wee shall suddenly send you a gen[ll] : letter for y[e] : R[t] : Hon[ble] : Comp[a] : to be forwarded to Trincumbar wherein wee shall refer them to yo[r] : acco[ts] : of y[e] : Dutch action at Pullicherry w[ch] : wee desire you to prepare y[t] : y[e] : s[d] : may be ready against our letter arrives gives as particular acco[t] : as has come to yo[r] : knowledge of y[e] : ship men Ammunitions stores &c[a] : y[e] : manner of their encamping

skirmishing & capitulacõn & omitt not y^e: treatys of y^e: French & Dutch w^{th}: Rama Rajah & send us a coppy of w^{tt}: you write y^t: wee may send it to y^e: R^t: Honble: $Comp^a$: by y^e: next other conveyance Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds
N. Higginson.
Jo: Dolben.
Wm. Fraser].

[*Madras Copy.*]

Fort S^T: George 10 7^{BER} 1693.

To Y^E $Worp^{LL}$: W^M: Hatsell Esqr:
Dep^{TY}: Gov^R: $\&c^A$: Councill att Fort S^T: David.

Your Argument in yours of y^e 29 past relating to yor Watchmen holds good so long as there shall be a good $agreem^t$: between you but when he's growne great & pow^r:full you'l find him apt to quarell upon small designs & y^n: y^e more powerfull y^e more mischevious he will be, when 'tis in their power to do you good or harm there's more reason to ꝓvide ag^{st}: y^e: mischeif y^n to depend on their ffreindship unless y^e [f]ate was ye same wth you as 'twas w^{th}: y^e: Danes in a confederacy of mutuall defence for his better security against ye neighbouring Goverments w^{th}: whom he's at variance & has ye ffort of Trincumbar to retreat to for ye safety of his ꝑson but by y^e: experience We have had in ffort S^t: George y^e [p]owerfullness of ye Peddanagues is very troublesome & no ways serviceable 'tis not long since one of them told us in a passion y^t: he was able to bring 6,000 men to his Assistance w^{ch}: Wee don't beleive yet 'tis true he can engage more ffreinds to assist him against us y^n: he either will or can engage to assist us if Wee have occasion. What Wee have written on y^t: Subject is only matter of caution & not an order you [men]tion 2 Circumstances w^{ch}: renders your choice very agreeable to your ꝑsent case Viz^t: prevention or stoppage of goods passing through his Countrey & ye mischeife of ye old disgusted Oklenague concerning w^{ch}: you can best judge Wee therefore leave it to you to appoint [y^e. person] & agree wth him as well as you can.

In y^e Cowle you give him you may incert the following articles or as many as you shall find necessary & he'le consent to Viz.

That he take nothing of $Merch^{ts}$: who buy grain or goods of y^e R^t: Honble: $Comp^a$:

That his Peons or Talliars shall be imployed in watching y^e Towne as y^e Choultry Justices shall appoint & he himselfe attend at y^e Choultry when y^e Justices shall require it.

That when y^e D^y Govr: has occasion to go abr^d: he shall send 50 or 100 Peons to attend without Batty but if they are detained more then 2 or 3 days y^n: Batty to be allowed them.

To make satisfaction for what shall be robb'd or stolen w^{th}:in ye bounds.

That he endeavour to prevent ye running away of any ꝑsons inhabiting w^{th}: in ye bound[s] & if they do run away y^t: he shall bring them again.

That he shall keep safe such ꝑsons as are committed to his Custody & if any D^r escape to make good y^e Debt or if a Criminall to pay a fine.

That he shall do all y^e Service he can for y^e R^t: Honble: Company whenever required by y^e D^y: Govr & $Counc^{ll}$:

That he shall dd̃ up his Cowle when ever y^e D^y Govr & $Counc^{ll}$ shall see cause to require it upon his misbehaviour.

As to y^e No: of Peons to be kept by him it may be stated by y^e am^{ot}: of y^e Revenue for every 100 pa 20 Peons at least & if you can order it so as to have $acco^t$: kept of y^e Revenue by your owne Conicoplaes at y^e end of y^e year y^e N^o: of Peons may be accordingly appointed for y^e ensuing year & you may oblidge him once a fortnight or once a month to cause them to be mustred by y^e $Paymast^r$ as o^r: owne Peons are mustred.

As to y^{e}: Price of y^{e}: Tobacco sold by y^{e}: ffarmers w^{ch}: y^{e}: Justices of y^{e}: Choultry have stated cheaper y^{n}: y^{e}: D^{y}: Govr: thinks reasonable 'tis probable y^{e}: D^{y}: Govr: considers y^{e}: ffarmers are to be encouraged so as to raise y^{e}: revenue higher y^{e}: next year & y^{e}: Justices y^{n}: y^{e}: Inhabitants are not to be oppressed & you are both in y^{e}: right y^{e}: only means to direct for judging equitably on both partys is y^{e}: Cost of y^{e}: Tobacco If it be true as your gen^{ll}: Letter represents it y^{t}: when Tobacco was bought at pa 6 & 7 ℘ Candy 'twas retaild at 5, 6 & 7 pa w^{tt}: ℘ Cash it must follow that when 'tis bought at 9 & 10 pa ℘ Candy 'tmust be retailed at a dearer price & therefore y^{e}: Dep^{ty}: Govr: is in y^{e}: Right in stating y^{e}: price of retaile at 5½ pa w^{tt}: ℘ Cash But as to yor: question whether y^{e}: Justices have vote in Coun[cill] in appeals from y^{e}: Choultry. We determine y^{t}: they have because they are of Councill & 'tis not a ℘sonall concerne but y^{e}: R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}: business y^{e}: managem^{t}: whereof is determined by majority of votes & because 'tis necessary y^{t}: all questions should be brought to some conclusion when ther's an equall division upon y^{e}: question y^{e}: D^{y}: Govr: vote is double.

The Justices of y^{e}: Choultry are three & there are but three more in Counc^{ll}: whereof if y^{e}: Justices draw one to their ℘ty then they'le be able to manage all businesses as they please w^{ch}: Wee hint not because wee have heard any complaint or do suspect [y^{t}:] y^{e}: justices make a ffaction but only as [matter] of Caution for whenever any thing of y^{t}: [nature] shall appear Wee shall take care to redress it. Inclosed is y^{e}: rate of y^{e}: Land Custom^{rs}: Sea Customers & Choultry Justices fees as stated here Also y^{e}: coppy of o^{r}: order of Consultac̄on concerning Rama Linga & Moota their cheatage in y^{e}: Mint.

To Y^{E}: DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}:

In y^{e}: inclosed direction is o^{r}: gen^{ll}: Letter to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Company wth: w^{ch}: y^{r}: Dep^{y}: Govr: may make up your relac̄on of y^{e}: Dutch affairs at Pulicherry in one packett directed to y^{e}: R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}: & send it forward to y^{e}: Govr: of Trincumbar wth: o^{r}: Letter to him wth: all expedition Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds
N. HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
W^{M}: FRASER.

The fees of ye Choultry Justices will follow wth: y^{e}: Padre Clericis Licence
N.H., J.D., W.F.

TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: XTIAN POUCH GOV^{R}:
FOR Y^{E}: ROYALL DANISH COMPANY ATT
TRINCUMBAR &C^{A}: COUNC^{LL}:

Honble : S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee have rec^{d}: yor: Letter of y^{e}: 30 August & take notice of y^{r}: kind answer you are pleas'd to give us to o^{r}: request concerning a runaway.

Wee begg a further favo^{r}: y^{t}: yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please to give o^{r}: accompanying Packett direct'd to ye R^{t}: Honble : English Company in London a safe conveyance by y^{e}: Europe Ship w^{ch}: Wee hear is suddainly to depart for Denmarke w^{ch}: will oblidge us to serve your Hon^{r}: on y^{e}: like occasions We are

Your Hon^{rs}: Most humble Servants
N. HIGGINSON.
J. DOLBEN.
W. FRASER.

Fort St George.

TO Y^{E}: HON^{BLE}: BARTHOLOMEW HARRIS PRESIDENT
&C^{A}: COUNC^{LL}: FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}: R^{T}: HON^{BLE}:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: AT SURRATT.

Honble : S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee have none of yours to answer y^{e}: advices you sent by y^{e}: Bouyers being all lost in y^{e}: W^{m}: Bouyer. This comes by an Armenian Cossett.

His Excell ye : Comissary departed hence for Bengll : on ye : 29th : July last & wee suppose will returne hither in Xber next & we pray yor : Honr : &ca : in yor : next genll : Letters to direct such advices as are proper to acquaint us with, to us in ye : Comissarys absence.

Wee are adviced from Bengall by ye : Agent &ca : yt : they have determined to dispatch ye : Sampson for Europe ye : latter end of ye : last or ye : beginning of ys : month & ye : Charles ye : 2d : in Xber. Their business goes on by ye : Nabobs favour thô under some restriction in ye : passing of their Dusticks yet ye : Merchts : are not restrained from tradeing wth : them.

Wee understand yor : Honr : &ca : doth maintain a Vaqueel at ye : Mogulls Court Please to order him to write us at least once a month or as often as occasion requires ye : newes of ye : Court wch : here is so various & uncertain yt : Wee are often deceived wth : false reports wch : might be prevented by his more certain intelligence there are two things ꝑticularly of import yt : Wee should not be mistaken in one concerning Assud Caune ye : grand Vizier who by reason of his & his Son failure in ye : conquest of Chingee & their unkind usage of ye : Pri[nce] Caune Bux was recalled by ye : Mogull many months but not yet admitted to ye : Kings presence. He's ye : ꝑson on whom or : depend[ance] has been placed for some years for obtaining a Phirmaund & it hath already cost above 12000 pa : for wch : wee have had nothing yet but fair promises. The Agent &ca : of Bengll : have wrote to us to make application to ye : Mogull wth : respect to ye : genll : Stop of trade but Wee are at a loss after what manner & unto whome to make address by reason of ye : circumstances Assud Caune is in besides yor : Honr : &ca : have a Vaqueel at Court wch : we conclude is imployed not only in accomodating ye : disputes you have concerning ye : prizes but for taking of ye : universall Stop upon trade in ye : Mogull Dominions but Wee are altogether unacquainted wth : yor : proceedings therein & if wee should undertake from hence to make an application for redress we may at last make it a double unnecessary charge if not interferre wth : yor : proceedings. Wee therefore pray yor : Honr : &ca : to remitt hither by ye : first opportunity a ꝑticular accot : of ye : manner & progress of your addresses at Court ye : ꝑsons you apply thither ye : prospect you have of good or ill Success so as yt : ye : same may meet his Excell here at his arrivall wch : will be a great Satisfaction & direction to him in judging of that affair. The Second thing wherein yor : Vaqueel may be Serviceable to us in his advices is this ye : Emperour is old & sevll : Sons gaping for ye : Succession in case of his Death or any other accident wch : doth either determine or alter ye : Succession 'twould be very convenient yt : Wee have ye : speediest advice.

The Heer Pitt Govr : of Negapatam wth : a fleet of 19 ships & [above] 1500 [Europeans & Countrey] Soldiers beseiged Pullicherry on ye : 15 August & on ye : 31 had ye : ffort surrendred to him on terms of wch : Wee know no more then that all ye : ffrench Soldiers (except those marry'd to Musteez in ye : Countrey) marching out of ye : ffort wth : their Arms left them at ye : Sea side & embarked on part of ye : Dutch ffleet for Batavia Monsieur Martin ye : Directore & ye : Second & ye : Jesuits are all gone wth : that ffleet & 'tis said ye : Dutch have promised to carry them to ffrance.

The Rt : H : Compa : in their former Letters both to Surratt & ys : place have made mention of or : supplying Surratt wth : money supposeing Wee had here an overplus of Stock but Wee do assure yor : Honr : &ca : yt : Wee are not in a capacity to give you any assistance & can ill spare ye : mony to be sent to Brinjoan wch : Wee mention yt : you may not depend upon us Wee are

Your affecte : ffreinds
N. Higginson.
Jno : Dolben.
Wm : Fraser.

Fort St : George
14 September 1693.

To His Excell Sr: Jno: Goldsborough
Knt: Commissary Genll: in Bengall.

May it please yor: Excy:

Wee ys: day recd: a Lettr: directed to your Excell under ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Seal wch: came from Persia by Dutch ships to Govr: Pitt at Pullicherry & by him sent to ffort St: David wch: letter Wee hasten to send forward to yor: Excelly: not knowing it's import as also a Letter wch: Wee recd: on ye: 12 Inst. from Surratt by an Armenian Cossett wth: advises of Armenian Overland Letters recd: in Surratt & its appearing by ye: hand to be from Presidents Harris & a Ship being to go suddenly from hence for Surratt Wee agreed yt: ye: President open & peruse ye: same that Wee might have returned an answer if occasion had required but ye: President finds nothing therein wch: concerns us to intermeddle in.

Our last to yor: Excell was ye: 2d: Inst: by Pattamar coppy whereof comes inclosed.

The 3d: Assay made here of ye: ffort St: David new ffannams proves $4\frac{1}{8}$ Matt thô they were Sent to us for ye: same of those wch: by two former Assays proves but 4 Matt.

Wee have recd: from ffort St: David an accot: of ye: fans: coyned by Rama Linga &ca: of ye: four sevll: Stamps whereof your Excy: left ye: Assays & from ye: most exact computacon Wee can make thereby ye: amo: of the cheatage is pa [*lacuna in the original*] but in consideracon of ye: nature of ye: crime & ye: discreditt thereby accruing to yr: Rt: H: Companys Mint Wee have stated ye: fine of ye: Braminy pa: 300 and of ye: Shroff 200 pa: & sent or: order accordingly to ffort St: David.

Wee have sent a genll: Letter to ye: Rt: H: Compa: dated ye: 13 Inst: recommended to ye: Govr: of Trincumbar for conveighance by their Ship wch: will depart in ys: month ye: Coppy goes inclosed as also or: genll: Letter to Surratt dated 14 Inst.

Wee have ys: day recd: a genll: Letter from Fort St: David dated ye: 12 wth: translate of Govr: Pitts Letter to them whereof Wee send your Excell a Coppy.

21 September.

Being advised from ffort St: David since ye: writeing ye: foregoing yt: Mr: Hammond Gibbons Cheif of Indapoora was arrived at Pulicherry from Batavia Wee thought it necessary to detain or: Packett till his coming hither yt: he might be able to give yor: Excell his accot: of affairs at ye: West Coast, Mr: Barthrust Dean a ffactor & Ensign Gardner came hither on Sunday ye: 17 by a Boat & Mr: Gibbons on monday ye: 18 Inst. by Land upon their arrivall Wee ordered them to give in their narratives, apart, of ye: passages at Indapoora but they having none ready but what was scattered in loose papers & yn: after a days expecting it appears yt: ye: digesting thereof will require more time yn: We think fitt to Stay for't Wee have sent ye: Rt: H: Compa: a genll: accot: of what Wee have gathered from their discourse together wth: a paper of some Diary Notes ye: coppy of both wch: Wee inclose & is all Wee can at present informe your Excell of ys: matter. Mr: Gibbons complains very much yt: he has recd: neither supply nor Letter from Bencoolen for a 12 months past tho he hath given them an accot: of their condicon in sevll: Lres. The Madapollam arrived at Bencoolen in Aprill & was ordered to be thence dispatched as soon as unladen wth: ye: necessary supply & Mr: Butterfeild to Indapoora but it seems ye: Ship & Mr: Butterfeild was in June last at [P]riamong ladeing wth: Pepper.

The late Instances of Pullicherry & Indapoora are a warning to us to provide agst: ye: Worst especially in case of a rupture in Europe between ye: English & Dutch Nations. Their underhand practises at Indapoora in time of Peace may probably convert into open Hostility at Bencoolen in time of Warr & ffort St: David standing under like circumstances wth: Pullicherry Wee may very reasonably suppose will be exposed to ye: like Hazards unless better defended therefore Wee cannot but express or: apprehensions to yor: Excelly: of ye: well

fortifying those two places ꝑticularly. The Dyary of M^{r}: Gibbons mentioned to be sent could not be coppy'd y^{e}: Substance of it is mostly in y^{e}: gen^{ll}: Letter to y^{e}: R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}. Wee [are].

Yo^{r}: humble Serv^{ts}:
N: Higginson.
Jno: Dolben.
W^{m}: Fraser.

Fort St George
y^{e}: 15th: 7ber 1693.

List of y^{e}: Packett sent to y^{e}: Com̃issary Gen^{ll}: September 21, 1693.

N^{o}: 1. Generall dated 15 September 1693.
2. Coppy of a Gen^{ll}: dated y^{e}: 2 September.
3. Coppy of a Gen^{ll}: to y^{e}: R^{t}: H: Company dat̃ 7ber: 13.
4. Coppy of a Translate from Govr: Pitt to M^{r}: Hatsell.
5. Coppy of a Gen^{ll}: to Surratt dat̃: y^{e}; 14 Septemb̃. 1693.
6. Coppy of M^{r}: Acworth Lr̃e to y^{e}: Commissary 18 Aug. [1693].
7. Coppy of a Letter sent M^{r}: Acworth sent 7ber: y^{e}: 13.
8. Translate of a Protest sent M^{r}: Acworth by y^{e}: Commodore of Chocim dat. Aug: y^{e}: 3.
9. Coppy of a Contra Protest sent ditto by ditto dat. 9 ditto.
10. Letter directed to his Excell̃ y^{e}: Com̃issary received by Dutch Ships from Persia.
11. Ditto to d^{o}: from Surratt by Armen^{n}: Cossett.
12. Coppy of a gen^{ll}: Letter to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: dat. 20 Septemb. 1693.
13. Lr̃e directed to y^{e}: Commissary in y^{e}: Persia Lan[guage] from Surratt.

Fort S^{t}: George 21 Sept^{r}: 1693.

To y^{e}: Worp^{ll}: W^{m}: Hatsell Esqr:
Dep^{y}: Govr: &c^{a}: Councill of Fort S^{t}: David.

Wee rec^{d}: yours of y^{e}: 15 7ber. M^{r}: Gibbons &c^{a}: whom you mention to have been sent by Land [&] Sea are arrived, herewith is a gen^{ll}: Letter to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: w^{ch}: upon receipt forward to Trinkumbar desiring y^{e}: Govr: to returne it if y^{e}; Ship be gone: Wee are

Your affectionate Freinds
N. Higginson.
John Dolben.
W^{m}: Fraser.

Fort S^{t}: George 21 Septem̃b: 1693.

To M^{r}: Simon Holcombe Cheife &c^{a}: Counc^{ll}:
for affairs of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: English
East India Comp^{a}: att Vizagapatam.

Our last was y^{e}: 2^{d}: Ins^{t}: by a Countrey Boat by w^{ch}: sent a Packett for Bengall & coppy of o^{r}: Invo: ꝑ Ship Nossa Senhiora Conceicao am^{o}: pa: 6719: 13 in Rup^{s}: & pag^{ds}: in charge of M^{r}: Edwd: Thompson & M^{r}: Robert Atkinson.

On y^{e}: 19 Ins^{t}: Wee received yours of y^{e}: 30 past wth: M^{r}: Chapmans account & paper your Stewards account for y^{e}: month of July & your Consultac̃on & Dyary from y^{e}: Cheifs last arrivall to August.

Wee shall debt yor: acco^{t}: curr^{tt}: for pa: 26 for M^{r}: Oneal's ꝑmission of passage to England & shall send you a writer when Opportunity offers for a passage.

You may grant M^{r}: Owen his request for y^{e}: Godowne keeper a small allowance of Servants Wages to y^{e}: time of his last departure from Vizagapatam if y^{e}: same be not already allow'd him in Account.

Herewth : is a Packett for Bengall wch : forward by fresh Peons.

Mr : Hammond Gibbons &ca: ye: Rt: H: Compas: Servts: by ye: Malays Buggesses &ca : instigated as they report by ye: Dutch & are some of them arrived here by way of Batavia. Wee are

Yor affectionate ffreinds
N. HIGGINSON.
J. DOLBEN.
WM: FRASER.

FORT ST: GEORGE YE: 26 7BER 1693.

TO YE: WORPLL: WM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: OF FORT ST: DAVID: &CA: COUNCLL:

Our last was 21 Instt : yesterday arrived ye: Brigantine Gingerlee from Bengall & brought us genll : Letters from his Excell ye: Commissary Genll : & ye: Agent & Councll : dat: 19 past by wch : Wee understand yt: ye: Sampson or Charles ye: 2d : will in November next call on ys: Coast to fill up if they do not both before yt : time compleat their ladeing in Bengall whereof wee give you ye: advice yt: you may hasten to gett what bales you can ready for ye : occasion.

There was a considerable quantity of Cloth turned out upon your last Investment wch : if it be not already done you may now receive upon a due abbatement for short measure & other defects.

The Saphir wch : went hence for Bengall in June last is not yet arrived nor heard of since she was seen of Point Palmeraes on ye: 12 July.

The Stop upon trade of Europeans in Bengall is not yet taken of by ye: Mogulls order but by ye: ffreindship & conneivance of ye: Nabob & ye: Govr: of Hugeley ye: trade goes on. Wee want yor: genll: books Diarys, Consultacons Wee are

Your affecte ffreinds
N: HIGGINSON.
J. DOLBEN.
WM: FRASER.

27 SEPTEMBER.

Last night Wee recd Letters from his Excell ye Comissary dat. 25 & 27 August from Bengall ℘ ye: Acheen Mercht: advising that there was one ffrench Ship arrived in Ballisore Road called Le Galliard ye: Commander Capt: Forske 42 Guns & about 200 Men & was mett in ye: River going up to Hugeley by Captn: Masfen Mastr: of Acheen Mercht:

N.H.
J.D.
W.F.

TO YE: HONBLE: LAURENCE PITT GOVR:
FOR YE: RT: HONBLE: DUTCH EAST INDIA
COMPANY AT NEGAPATAM.

FORT ST: GEORGE,
28 SEPTBR: 1693.

Honble Sr:

Yesterday I recd: a Letter from his Excy: John Goldsborough Comissary from Bengall dat: 27 past advising yt : one ffrench Ship is arrived in Bengall of 42 Guns her name ye: Le Galliard & ye: name of ye: Comandr: Forske who reports in Bengall he was bound for Pullicherry but being chased by two Dutch Ships off of Negapatam was ℘vented & proceeded for Bengall ye: Mastr: of ye: English vessell who brought me ye: Letter tells me yt: he saw ye: Ships in ye: River of Hugely going up as he came downe & also met 6 Dutch Ships on yt: side Point Palmeraes standing for Bengall ye: ffrench give out there [are] four more Ships but tis not beleived I have [no] accot: of Europe News, nor any other matters [to] enlarge on wishing long life & happiness [I] remain.

Your very humble servant
N. HIGGINSON.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 7BER 28: 1693.

TO Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}: DEP^{TY}:
GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNC^{LL}: ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Wee have rec^{d}: yours of y^{e}: 25 Ins^{t}: wth: y^{e}: Duplicate of your gen^{ll}: Letter to y^{e}: Honble: Company dat: 7ber y^{e}: 16 w^{ch}: shall be sent by y^{e}: first opportunity. Herewth: is a Lr̃e to Govr: Pitt w^{ch}: forward wth: [fresh] Peons Wee are

Your affect^{e} ffreinds
N. HIGGINSON.
JN^{O}: DOLBEN.
W^{M}: FRASER.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE 5 OCTOBER 1693.

TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: FRANCIS ELLIS ESQ^{R}:
AGENT &C^{A}: COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}: R^{T}:
HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL.

Our last was y^{e}: 24th: Augst: Wee have rec^{d}: yours of y^{e}: 19 August by Brigantine Acheen. Wee are sorry to understand y^{e}: Saphir is missing & send you duplicate of o^{r}: gen^{ll}: Letter sent by her whereof Wee omitted to send you a coppy by his Excell^{y}: y^{e}: Com̃issary Gen^{ll}: Wee have examined y^{e}: Warehousekeeper concerning y^{e}: redd wood Laden aboard y^{e}: Brigantine Gingerlee w^{ch}: by yor: account comes out 541 to short in Bengall of o^{r}: Invoice Weight & send you his attestac̃on produced to us concerning it, by many years observac̃ons, goods sent from hence to Bengall & from Bengall hither have generally fallen short of Invoice w^{tt}: even goods w^{ch}: were not wastable w^{ch}: must proceed either from y^{e}: difference in y^{e}: w^{tts}: or neglect in y^{e}: receivers or deliverers or Masters of Ships in y^{s}: case Wee know not how to call y^{e}: Masters to account because you acknowledge y^{e}: receipt of y^{e}: Number of Sticks nor whether y^{e}: fault lyes here or in Bengall y^{e}: Delivery & y^{e}: receipt being both attested Reddwood: being a wastable Commodity you must at ℘sent charge it to Proffitt & Loss tho it could not possibly wast so much & if hereafter there can be any discovery made of such an Error 'tmay be rectified accordingly.

The Brigantine Gingerlee arrived here y^{e}: [*lacuna in the original*] past & brought us y^{e}: things mentioned in your Invoice & bill of Ladeing inclosed is y^{e}: Warehousekeepers report of their weight by w^{ch}: you'l ℘ceive there's a considerable difference.

Inclosed is translate of a Letter rec^{d}: from Haje Abdull Nubbe wth: an answer thereunto in Persian & translate thereof in English w^{ch}: are sent you y^{t}: you may understand [y^{e}:] import hereafter [if] he should make any comp[laint].

Having occasion to make use of y^{e}: [Gingerlee] Brigantine have hired a Country [Ship] to carry her full lading of Reddwood to [Bal]lisore Road for w^{ch}: goes inclosed coppy of [our] Inv^{o}: amount pa [*Lacuna in the original*] wth: bill of Ladeing Wee have wrote to M^{r}: Henry Stanly [& to y^{e}:] Commander of y^{e}: Europe Ship in Ball[isore] Road to dispatch her unladeing she [being] obliged to stay 14 days after notice [given] to M^{r}: Stanly because she is bound [to ano]ther place inclosed are Coppyes of y^{e}: [lr̃es] to M^{r}: Stanly & y^{e}: Com̃and^{r}: of y^{e}: Europe [Ships] to w^{ch}: Wee need not Add.

Herewth: goes a Packett to his Exc^{y}: y^{e}: [Com̃issary w^{ch}:] in case of his absence return to us.

In y^{e}: Bengall generall Letter dat̃ 11 Feb̃ to Fort St. George ℞ y^{e}: Bengall has y^{s}: Paragraph.

"Wee have put on board Also Capt: Clark's Family of whom Wee desire care may be taken since Wee are possest of his effects w^{ch}: Wee brought into y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Cash of w^{ch}: Wee shall send a further account in the next". His ffamily has ever since been maintained out of y^{e}: Church Stock & y^{e}: Church wardens demand y^{e}: estate if y^{t}: are in Cash remitt y^{e}: money to us by safe bills if any offer wth: acco^{t}: relating thereunto y^{t}: they may remaine wth: y^{e}: Overseers of

Orphans However remitt us y^{t} : acco^{t} : & give us creditt for y^{e} : same & wee will make it good here.

Herewth : is y^{e} : bill of Ladeing of Ship Charles y^{e} : second w^{ch} : was sent by y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : in their Packett to Fort S^{t} : George. Wee are

Your affect^{e} : ffreinds
N. Higginson.
Jno : Dolben.
W^{m} : Fraser.

List of y^{e} : Packett to y^{e} : Agent &c^{a} :

No.
1. Coppy of a gen^{ll} : Letter to y^{e} : Agent &c^{a} : ꝑ Ship Saphire dat̄ 21 June 1693.
2. Attestācon concerning Reddwood sent to Bengall ꝑ Gingerlee : Brig[an-]tine dat 8b^{r} : 10 : 93.
3. Warehousekeep^{r} : report of y^{e} : goods sent ꝑ G. Brigantine from Bengall.
4. Translate of a lr̃e from Abdull Nubbe.
5. Answer to ditto in Persian.
6. Invoice of Reddwood laden on board Ship Tankred.
7. Coppy of a gen^{ll} : Letter to y^{e} : Com̃ders of E. Shipps in Ballisore Road.
8. Coppy of a Lr̃e to M^{r} : Henry Stanly &c^{a} : at Ballisore dat 6 Oct 93.
9. Charles y^{e} : 2^{ds} : bill of Ladeing.
10. Saphirs Invoice for Bengall.
11. Stated Rate for Passes.
12. M^{r} : Jno : Haynes answer to y^{e} : Bengall charges.
13. M^{r} : Watts answer to his debt as he stands charged wth : in y^{e} : Decca books.
14. The Duplicate of Fort S^{t} : George Gen^{ll} : by Ship Tankred dat 6 : 8ber. [93].

[Fort St. George 5 Oct^{r} : 1693.]

To y^{e} : Honble : Barth^{w} : Harris Esqr :
Presid^{t} : &c^{a} : Counc^{ll} : for affairs
of y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Company in Surratt.

Honble : [S^{r} :] &c^{a} :

Our last to yor : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : was y^{e} : 14 Ins^{t} : coppy whereof goes inclosed since w^{ch} : Wee are advised by Land from Bengall dat August y^{e} : 27 y^{t} : one ffrench ship is arrived there from Europe of 42 Guns 200 Men called Le Galliard y^{e} : Commander Forske but no News from Europe.

The Stop upon y^{e} : Europeans trade in Bengall is not yet taken off by y^{e} : Kings order but by y^{e} : favour of y^{e} : Nabob of Decka & Govr : of Hugeley y^{e} : English do enjoy a greater ffreedom y^{n} : others y^{e} : Cha[rles] y^{e} : 2^{d} : will be thence laden for England & depart in November & if they cannot lade y^{e} : Sampson [she'le] then call on y^{s} : Coast to fill up Wee hope Wee shall be able to gett her a quick dispatch.

M^{r} : Gibbons & all y^{e} : rest of y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Servants belonging to Indapoora Factory have lef[t it] whereof sev^{ll} : are come hither wth : M^{r} : Gibbons & [he re]ports y^{t} : y^{e} : Malayans by y^{e} : Instigation of y^{e} : Dutc[h] forced them to forsake y^{e} : place privately to [save] their Lives leaving all y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : [servants] there & y^{t} : upon their application y^{e} : Dut[ch fur]nished them wth : a passage for Batavia upon [a sloop] & from Batavia to Pullicherry upon one [of their] Ships.

Two Packetts have been in his Exc^{y} : [absence] rec^{d} : by Pattamars from Surratt w^{ch} : have [been] sent forward to him.

Wee are advised from Bengall y^{t} : y^{e} : [ship] is safe arrived there and brought them 31 b[ales of cotton] Wee are

Your affect^{e} : ffreinds
N. Hig[ginson.]
Jno : [Dolben.]
W^{m} : Fraser.

To HIS EXCELL^CY : S^R : JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH
K^NT : COMMISSARY GENERALL IN BENGALL.

May it Please your Excell^cy :

Our last was 15 & 21 past Via Vizagapatam coppy whereof comes inclosed. Our y^e : 24 past rec^d : yor : Excell of y^e : 19 & 25, 27 August & congratulate yor : Exc^y : safe arrivall.

If one of y^e : 2 Europe [Ships] shall come to y^s : Coast to fill up wee hope there will be bales enough ready at Vizagapatam y^s : place & Fort S^t : David tho Wee cannot give yor : Exc^y : any compute of y^e : quantity.

There was sent by y^e : Saphir nothing but a Clock & Steel Crosbow of y^e : Presents y^e : Agent &c^a : wrote for y^e : rest being not procurable.

The want of y^e : Saphir has necessitated to [make] use of y^e : Brigantine for y^e : Service y^e : Saphir was designed for but y^t : Wee might comply w^th : your Exc^y : order for sending Reddwood Wee have hired a Country Ship to carry her full ladeing to Ballisore Road & there to Stay 14 days for unladeing and have wrote to M^r : Henry Stanly att Ballisore & to y^e : Com[mander] of any Europe ships in Ballisore Road concerning unladeing y^e : same coppys of w^ch : letters goes herewith Capt : Dorrells bill of Lading comes herew^th :

Capt : Fre[k]e has himselfe paid all y^e : charges of y^e : Lead except y^e : Boat hire from y^e : Sloop [in] y^e : Road & is accountable only for [*lacuna in the original*] Lead short of Number p^z : [*lacuna in the original*] by Computac̃[on].

Judge Dolben will give yor : Exc^y : y^e : ℘tic[ulars concerning] Eram Rause he's at present at [Fort S^t : David] whether he went to settle y^e : ffarme of [Tobbacco] & when that is done [did] intend [to re]turne [hither].

If your Exc^y : shall send [any ffactors] or Writers from Bengall please to order one to Stay at Vizagapatam y^e : Cheife &c^a : having written to us for one.

The Opportunity of writeing to y^e : R^t : H : Comp^a : concerning Vincattee is past y^e : Danes Ship being gone before o^r : Letter of y^e : 20 7ber: arrived Trincumbar & 'tis returned to us Wee hope yor : Exc^y : will send by y^s : Charles y^e : 2^d : y^e : Coppy w^ch : wee sent you w^th : o^r : gen^ll : Letter of y^e : 21 past.

Herew^th : is Duplicate of ffort S^t : David Gen^ll : Letter to y^e : R^t : Honble : Comp^a : dat : 7ber : 16 w^ch : is their account of y^e : seige of Pullicherry y^e : Origi[nal] is gone by y^e : Danes Ship. Wee are

Your Excell :
Most Humble Servants
N. : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
W^M : FRASER.

To M^R : HENRY STANLY CHEIF
&c^A : COUNCILL ATT BALLISORE.

Inclosed is Inv^o : & bill of Lading for [. . .] Candy Reddwood amo^t : to pa : [*lacuna in the original*] laden on [y^e :] Ship Tankred on freight & coppy of o^r : Lr̃es to y^e : Com̃ders of Charles y^e : 2^d : & Sampson in Ballisore Road Upon rec^t : hereof use yor : utmost diligence to cause y^e : s^d : Reddwood to be unladen y^e : Ship being obliged to Stay but 14 days in y^e : Road for y^t : purpose after notice given to you.

His Excell^y : y^e : Commissary Gen^ll : ordered to return y^e : Brigantine laden w^th : Reddwood if Wee had no other Service for her, but this going on another Voyage his intention was for y^e : supplying y^e : Charles y^e : 2^d : & Sampson w^th : their due proportion of Reddwood & therefore order so much aboard both these Ships as will make up 47 Tons to y^e : Charles y^e : 2^d : about 38 tons & to y^e : Sampson w^th : what is already laden abo'rd them & y^e : overplus send up to Chuttanuttee by y^e : first opportunity or land in Ballisore.

Let one of y^e : R^t : Honble : Comp^as : Serv^ts : go on board y^e : Ships & take a true acco^t : of y^e : N^o : of Sticks & Weight & take bills of Ladeing noting y^e : N^o : of whole & sawne Sticks.

If either of y^e: Ships shall at her departure want goods to fill up her Tonnage you may lade so much more reddwood on either of them as will fill them up rather y^n: Lett them go home dead freighted. Wee are

Your affect^e: ffreinds
N.: HIGGINSON.
JN^O: DOLBEN.
W^M: FRASER.

Fort S^t: George
6 Octob.: 1693.

TO Y^E: COMMANDARS OF SHIP CHARLES
Y^E: 2^D: & SHIP SAMPSON OR EITHER OF THEM IN BALLISORE ROAD.

His Exc^y: y^e: Comissary Gen^ll: by his gen^ll: Letter to us dat^e: y^e: [*lacuna in the original*] having ordered reddwood to be sent to Bengall for supplying of your Ships w^th: so much as will make up y^e: proportion mencon[ed] in your Respective Charter ℘tys Having no other conveyance Wee have hired a Country Ship y^e: Tancred W^m: Prickman Mast^r: to bring her full laden into Ballisore Road where she being bound on another voyage is obliged to Stay but 14 days for unlading after notice given to M^r: Henry Stanly Cheif &c^a: Counc^ll: of Ballisore unto whom Wee have wrote & whose orders you are to follow relateing to s^d: Reddwood but in case y^e: Cheif & Counc^ll: in Ballisore shall not in due time give order therein or by foul weath^r: or any other unforeseen accident shall be hindered from sending order or Boats so y^t: he can't take timely care for unladeing y^e: Reddwood Wee hereby order & empower you & either of you to demand [&] receive from y^e: s^d: Mast^r: so much Reddwood as wi[ll] make up yor: respective Charter party proportion & lett y^e: Overplus be sent to Hugeley if you have oppertunity or landed in Ballisore w^th: y^e: Cheif and Counc^ll: or if either of yor: Ships shall upon her departure want goods to fill up yor: tonnage you may rather y^n: go dead freighted receive y^e: Overplus into your Ship or so much as you shall want.

Lett yor: Long boats go aboard y^e: Ship Tancred & fetch y^e: Reddwood & send yor: Purser to receive & see it weighed taking a due acco^t: thereof under y^e: hand of y^e: Master & give his receipts or bills of Lading for y^e: same. Wee are

Your affect^e: ffriends
N.: HIGGINSON.
JN^O: DOLBEN.
W^M: FRASER.

Fort S^t: George
y^e: 6 Octob^r: 1693.

TO Y^E: WORP^LL: W^M: HATSELL ESQ^R:
DEPT^Y: GOV^R: &C^A: COUNCILL ATT FORT S^T: DAVID.

Wee have rec^d: yours of y^e: 2^d: Ins^t: w^ch: no answ^r: requiring herew^th: is a Licence to Padre Clerici w^ch: deliver to him.

Wee shall employ Mockdum Ninas Ketch [but] his terms sent us by y^e: Dep^ty: Govr: in his of [29] past are too hard & he must comply w^th: what is reasonable concerning w^ch: Wee shall write hereafter. Wee are

Your affect^e: ffreinds
N.: HIGGINSON.
J.: DOLBEN.
W^M: FRASER.

Fort S^t: George
October y^e: 7: 1693.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 13 OCTOBER 1693.

TO ZULPHAKER CAUNE.

I rec^d: your Excell: Lre: concerning three years Rent mony of Chinapatam please to understand y^t: y^e: Rent Mony for y^e: year 1691 ending in July was paid to Mirza Mahmood Shroffe pa: 715 in Money & to Mirzanull pa: 485 in powder & sho[t]t as will appear by y^e: coppys of y^e: orders given by Allemerden Chan & y^e:

receipts of those who rec[d] : it also there has been paid by Allemerde caunes order to Emaum Cooly pa : 1000 part of y[e] Rent mony due July 1692 as appears by Allemerden Chan's order & receipt & besides w[cb] there has been p[d] by yo[r] Excell order pa 304 : 12 : ½ for 3 Cables & 3 Quils of Rope sent to y[e] Camp pa 151 : 18 for y[e] hire of 2 boats for y[e] Service of Emaum Cooly pa : 50 & for y[e] pay advanced to Soldiers sent to y[e] Camp pa : 102 : 30½ all w[ch] : is well knowne to Emaum Cooly who brought yo[r] Excell order & when he was here last did promise to acquaint yo[r] Excell therew[th] : & send me a receipt so y[t] : there remains no more due for y[e] rent Mony ending July 1693 then pa 1095 : 23½ w[ch] I have offered to pay to Ajamoidilla according to yo[r] : Excell order but he refuses to accept it I therefore pray yo[r] Excell to order Ajamoidilla to take y[e] mony & give me a receipt to y[t] time & remain

Your Excell
most hum[ble] : Serv[t] :
N. Higginson.

To Emaum Cooly.

I send you herew[th] Coppy of my Lrẽ to Zulphaker Caune concerning y[e] Rent money of Chinapatam w[ch] : I desire you to consider & acquaint him w[th] : what Wee have paid & gett him receipt for pa : 304 : 12½ w[ch] you know has been disbursed by Zulphaker Cauns order & you promised when here to gett a Receipt & gave yo[r] owne receipt for y[e] pa 50. I doubt not but he'le allow of all when he understands from you that tis paid I really ow but pa : 1095 : 23½ for all y[e] rent mony ending July 1693 w[ch] I am very willing to pay upon Zulphaker Chan's order but you know I cannot pay mony w[th] : out a discharge & if y[e] acco[t] be not cleared when shall I be free from y[e] Duans demands I depend upon yo[r] accustomary ffreindship you being an understanding man I need not add many words Pray acquaint me w[th] : yo[r] : health.

Nath : Higginson.

To M[r] Owen Charnell Mast[r] :
of Brigantine Gingerlee.

Upon receipt hereof you are forthw[th] to repair aboard s[d] Brigantine & w[th] : y[e] first opportunity of wind & weather weigh Anchor & sett sail & make y[e] best of yo[r] way for y[e] more speedy attaining y[e] Port of Rettorah alias Brinjoan on y[e] coast of Mallabar where when you are arrived you are to follow y[e] orders of M[r] : John Brabourne Cheif &c[a] : Coun[ll] for yo[r] unlading & further proceeding M[r] : John Brabourne takes his passage wth you unto whom you are to give due respect & obedience in Such orders as he shall give you for y[e] good goverm[t] : & conveniency of y[e] passengers in yo[r] Brigantine Wee wish you a good voyage & date these in ffort S[t] : George y[s] 11 day of Octob̃ : 1693.

N. Higginson.
Jn[o] : Dolben.
W: Fraser.

To M[r] Tho : Brison
Mast[r] : of Ketch Mockdum.

Upon receipt hereof you are forthw[th] : to repair on board s[d] : Ketch & w[th] : y[e] first opportunity of wind & weather to weigh Anchor & sett sail & make y[e] best of yo[r] way for y[e] Port of Rettorah alias Brinjoan on y[e] Coast of Mallabar where when you are arrived you are to follow y[e] orders of M[r] : Jn[o] : Brabourne Cheif &c[a] Counc[ll] : for your unladeing, lading & further proceeding in ye Voyage you are to take care y[t] : ye Soldiers wch take their passage on you have due accomodacõn as ye Ketch will afford & assist Serjeant Linsey in ye Gov[rt] of them & provideing for them when there shall be occasion Wee wish you a good voyage & date these in ffort S[t] : George ye 11 day of 8ber 1693.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 16 OCTOBER 1693.

TO HIS EXCE^{LL} S^{R} JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH
KN^{T} COMMISSARY GEN^{LL}: & SUPERVIS^{K}:
FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E} R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: EAST
INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL.

May it please yor Exc^{y}:

Herewth: is duplicate of o^{r} last dat 5 Ins^{t}: ℘ Ship Tankred wth y^{e} [sev^{ll}] papers therein mentioned on ye 12 Ins^{t} ye Brigantine & Ketch sail'd for Rettorah full laden since w^{ch}: ye Winds have been very fair for them there being not sufficient accomodacon upon those two Vessells five of them take their passage on ye Ship 4 Brothers.

On y^{e} [*lacuna in the original*] Ins^{t}; rec^{d}: a Letter from Govr Pitt advising only y^{t} at Tutacoree a Dutch Ship is arrived w^{ch}: departed from Zeland 5 March & y^{t} at y^{t} time all things were well in Europe but he had no ℘ticular news but will suddainly send it if it comes before ye departure of y^{s} Letter your Excell will have it herewth: Wee have no news from ye Camp worth advising your Excell wee are.

Your Exc^{y} humble Serv^{ts}
N.H., J.D., W.F.

TO M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE FORT S^{T} GEORGE 17 8BER 1693.
CHEIFE &C^{A} COUNC^{LL} AT VIZAGAPATAM.

Our last was 21 past Wee have rec^{d} yours of [*lacuna in the original*] w^{ch}: will be answered. These only accompany Fort Packetts to his Exc^{y} ye Comissary & to ye Com^{y}: Gen^{ll}: & Agent & Councill of Bengall & to Mr Henry Stanly Cheife & Councill of Ballisore w^{ch}: forward to M^{r}: Stanly by ffresh Peons & to quicken yor dispatch promise ye Peons some gratuity if they shall arrive within so many days at Ballisore as ye Season of ye year will allow Wee are

Your affect^{e} ffreinds
N. HIGGINSON.
JN^{O}: DOLBEN.
W. FRASER.

TO Y^{E} WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}
DEP^{TY} GOV^{R} &C^{A}: COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Our Merch^{ts}: have acquainted us y^{t}: they have bought some Cloth in ℘ts beyond Chingee of wch part is ready & ye rest to be hereafter ℘vided w^{ch}: Cloth they alledge to be part of ye Investment we have contracted wth them for & y^{t} they are afraid to adventure ye bringing of it hither by Land by reason of ye Marratta & Moor Armyes w^{ch}: lye between y^{t}: place & y^{s}: they therefore request y^{t}: they may have liberty to send y^{e}: s^{d}: Cloth to ffort S^{t}: David to remain there till they can have an opportunity of bringing it hither wch request Wee have granted them.

Whatever Cloth their ffactors shall bring to you receive into yor: Godownes & when they shall order ye bringing of it hither [deliver] it to their order as to ye Custom Wee shall account wth: them here for't as for other Cloth let ye Warehouse keeper keep an acco^{t}: of ye N^{o} of peices & ℘cells so as y^{t} there may be no occasion of dispute hereafter & preserve it from damage as much as may be thô ye risque & charges is understood to be borne by ye Merch^{ts} as if they had brought it us hither by Land wee are.

Your affect^{e} ffreinds
N: HIGGINSON.
JN^{O}: DOLBEN.
W: FRASER.

Fort S^{t}: George
19th: Octo^{r}: 1693.

LIST OF Y^E: PACQUETT TO Y^E: COMMISSARY GEN^{LL}:

No.

1. Duplicate of Fort S^t: George Gen^{ll}: to y^e: Commissary dated October 5 & 6: 1693.
2. Coppy of a Gen^{ll}: to ditto dat: 15 & 21 Septem^r: 1693.
3. Coppy of Fort S^t: George Additionall Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e: to M^r: Braborne & Acworth 10 Octo^r: 1693.
4. Articles Concerning y^e: surrender of Pollicherry.
5. Fort S^t: David duplicate of their Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e: to y^e: R^t: Honble: Company dated 7^{br}: 16th: 1693.
6. Coppy of M^r: Acworths Lr̃e: dat: 7b^r: 15: 1693.
7. List of Soldiers sent to Retturra.
8. Invoice of Briggantine Gingerlee.
9. Invoice of Ketch Mockdum.
10. Lr̃es: Rec^d: from Surratt directed to his Excell: y^e: Commissary from N^o: 10 to N^o: 20.

Fort S^t: George Gen^{ll}: to y^e: Com̃issary dat.: 16 Oct^r: 16[93.]

Fort S^t: George
Octo^r: 16th: 1693.

OCTO^R: 26TH: 1693.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: W^M: HATSELL ESQ^R:
DEP^{TY}: GOV^R: &C^A: COUNCILL AT FORT S^T: DAVID.

Our last was 2 Ins^t: wee have Rec^d: yo^{rs}: of y^e: 7th: Ins^t: and how long expected your Generall Bookes w^{ch}: are much wanted for y^e: adjustm^t: of our [and] y^e: Conimeer Gen^{ll}: Bookes debt ffort S^t: David Pa: 21039: 9: 5 but yor: Bookes one Aprill: 1 Credit these factory only Pa: 12141: 24 if yor: bookes one Aprill 1693 are not finished, Send us by y^e: first oppertunity, your and acco^t: Cash & Acco^t: Currant to th[is]time.

Wee Send you M^r: Trevor Games to be imployed in y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^{as}: Servis as you find present occasion, till w[h]en I shall order his return he dos bring wth: him a Cake of gold pz: oz: 119: 12: y^e: Matt assayed here's by y^e: Assaymaster & bramina very near to y^e: matt of your ffanams, into which lett it bee [co]yned, adding then either fine Gold or as[say'd] if yor: Minters there find occasion for it wee are.

Your affect^e: freinds

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

P.S.—

The Gold did weigh 11^{oz}: or 12^{oz}: beside y^e: Assay peices were taken off w^{ch}: are made up wth: y^e: Cake [A]mo^t: coyn'd Pag^{ds}: 579, for w^{ch}: give us credit if you gain or loose by y^e: coineing it may be writ of by profitt & Losse for a[m]ount take give us an account here thin proves, and accordingly we may Send you more having called in all our Gold fanames.

Inclosed is a coppy of yor: acco^t: Currant as it stands in Conimere Books wee can nither adjust Conimere nor ffort S^t: David acco^t: in our Gen^{ll}: Bookes till wee receive yours, M^r: [Hayns] has greatly delayed or neglected y^t: bisniss Ex[a]mine in counsul[ta]tion, how f[a]r he brought them up & lett us know y^e: truth.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
W^M: FRASER.

FORT ST: GEORGE 1: NOVEMR: 1693.

TO YE: WORPLL: WM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: &CA: COUNLL: AT FORT ST: DAVID.

Our last was ye: 26th: past There Comes by Ship Madapollam John Ware Cheife Mate, ye: master Richard Harbin Sicke here, wch: brings you sundry goods you write from yours of 24 October besides wch: is continued aboard Said Ship Lead & Iron wch: was Returned from Yorke Fort all amots: to Pagds: [*lacuna in the original*] as ℘Amots: & [bill] of Lading inclosed.

Hasten ye: unlading of ye: Ship Viz, so farr as is necessary, to lighten her yt: she may be carryed mile [*sic*] ye: River to avoid ye: Monsoon & to bee repairred so farr as is necessary to [*lacuna in the original*] which wee have Sum Severall [sorts] as ℘ List inclosed ye: Master being Such [sick?] would not deliver in a List of stores belonging to ye: Ship, Order yor: Storekeeper Guner to take an accot: thereof & Remitt it us wth: accot: of all your disbursmentt upon hir Repair wch: pray hasten as soon as possible it being probable yt: by ye: begining of December wee may determine a voyage for her.

If upon Surveigh itt bee found necessary to take of three Streakes next ye: wale, wch: ye: Minters [master?] Reports are in part defictive, Lett it be done if you have planks enough to doe it.

There is nothing in yors: of 24th: past Requirs any further answer at present but yt: wee Cannot give ℘mission to ye: ffrench Padre to take his passage for Europe on any Ship belonging to the Rt: Honble: Compa:

Inclos'd is accot: of mony imprest ye: Lat[t]er & Invoe: of 5 bags where formerly sent you wee are

Your affecte: ffreinds
[N. HIGGINSON.]
[JOHN DOLBEN.]
[WILL: FRASER.]

TO MR: JOHN WARE
CHEIFE MATE OF SHIP MADAPOLLAM.

In absence of ye: Master Mr: Richard Herbin wee order you to take charrge of Said Ship and have Sent aboard Nicholas Westbary to assist you wth: 20 Laskers is enough for carrying the Ship to Fort St: David, where wee have ordered her repairs, you are therefore orderd yt: all ye: Pepper being first brought ashore upon recept hereof to weigh & ankor imediately, wind permitting, & sail for ffort St: David:, Tegnapatam & upon your ariveall by ye: ffirst oppertunity send our Letter to ye: Worpll: Wm: Hatsell Esqr: Depty: Govr: &ca: Councill whouse orders you are to follow.

Hasten wt: you can ye: necessary repair of ye: ship and give accot: to ye: Depty: Govr: &ca: of ye: stores now belonging to her if there bee any Wages due to you they shall be paid you ether at ffort St: David or here Mr: Westbary coming aboard h[o]ist anchore ye: rest of ye: English men yt: are wth: you [we wish you] a good voyage & datd: these in fort St: George ye: 1 Novemr: 1693.

FORT ST: GEORGE 10TH NOVR: [1693.]

TO YE: HONBLE: BATHE: HARRIS
PRESt: &CA: COUNLL: FOR AFFAIRS OF YE:
RT: HONBLE: COMPA: AT SURRATT.

Our last was 5th: past Vizt: Rhetterah Coppy whereof goes inclosed wee are advised of one Dutch Ship wch: came out from Zeuland in March last & fell into Tutacaree last month but being bound for Columbo, wee are only advised by ye: Govr: of Nagap[a]tam in generall yt: all things goes well in Europe but

have no perticular Europe News neither by y^e^: Dutch nor ffrench ships No ship has arrived here from Achen Since Aprill last, nor have wee by any other means heard any thing concerning Ship W^m^ : [and] Mary.

N.H.
J.D.
W.F.

FORT S^T^ : GEORGE 10TH : NOVEM^R^ [1693].

To M^R^ : SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIFE &C^A^: COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

On y^e^: 16th : past wee sent you a Pacquett to forward for Bengall w^ch^: we hope came safe to yor: hand. This accompanyes one Lr̃e directed to his Excell̃ the Commissary Gen^ll^: at Vizagap[a]tam w^ch^: keep by you till hee comes. Another directed to him in Bengall w^ch^: send forward by fresh Peons, together w^th^: our Lr̃e to y^e^: Agent &c^a^: order yor: Peons to deliver both to M^r^: Henry Stanley Cheife at Ballisore.

Send us a seamer, or large fishing nett, for y^e^: Ma[i]ntenance of our River [*lacuna in the original*] factory long & [*lacuna in the original*] broad.

In answer to yo^rs^: of y^e^: 12 Septem^r^: wherein you hertily wish y^t^: wee had sent you more money & we as hertily wish y^t^: we could have done it but we y^n^: had it not & have writ to his Excell^y^· the Commissary Generall in Bengal to provide a farther supply for you.

Yo^r^: examenation of our acco^t^: there dos appear an error in y^e^: chargeing of yor: ffactory w^th^: two Butts of wine w^ch^: did arise by one butt being entred in y^e^: paymasters acco^t^: & y^e^: same butt was invoiced & there entry in y^e^: paymasters acco^t^: & y^e^: Invoice were both enterd in ye Books so y^t^: you must not charge to our acco^tt^: but one Butt y^e^: Cheife w^n^: he was here in Octo^r^: last did d̃d three peices of Betteeles to y^e^: President [at] 26 or 26½ & 30 Pag^ds^: ℘ Corge as muster of Cloth w^ch^: he proferd to Provide himselfe for y^e^: R^t^: Honble: Company acco^t^: for those prices at Vizagaptam w^ch^: y^e^: Presd^t^: did propound to y^e^: Councill and was rejected for these three reasons, first because y^e^: price were thought too high & y^t^: an Investm^t^: in Betteelas only myght bee made cheaper at Vizagapatam, secondly br[o]wne Cloth is not proper for musters, third it was thought a very emproper motion for y^e^: Cheife to undertake to provide Cloth for y^e^: Comp^as^: Acco^t^: upon his own Single Countract destinct from y^e^: accustomary Contract w^th^: Merch^t^: & y^e^: Presid^t^: says y^t^: by his after removeing y^t^: those musters being laid out of his Sight he forgott to deliver them to y^e^: Cheife when he was here and y^e^: Cheife never demanded them but they are now delivered to his attourny M^r^: Dolben & therefore there is no further occasion to truble a Gen^ll^: Lr̃e: or acco^t^: currant w^th^: such an Idle Story.

The Princapall muster of neckclothes is at Fort S^t^: David w^ch^: wee have sent for & shall be sent you by y^e^: first Oppertunity, wee are

Yo^r^: affec^t^: Freinds,
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL̃: FRASER.

FORT S^T^ : GEORGE NOVEM^R^: 10TH: 1693.

To HIS EXCELL^Y^ S^R^: JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH
[KN^T^] COMMISSARY GEN^LL^: & SUP[ER]VI^R^ FOR AFFAIRES
OF Y^E^: R^T^: HON^BLE^: EAST INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL.

May it please yor: Excell^y^:

Our last to yor: Excell^y^: was 16 past by Palmears wherof Coppy goes [herewith] on y^e^: 27 ditto arrived Ship Madapollam from Yorke ffort on w^ch^: M^r^: James Sowden & M^r^: John Butterfe[i]ld t[oo]ke their passage, & brought

wth: them a Packett from ye: Govr: & Councll: & another from Mr: Willson ye List whereof goes [inclosed] their Genll: Letter dat. 11 Septr: last is very large qt: 7 Sheets of Paper & gives a ℘ticuler answer to ye: Fort St George Genll: from wch: & their Consultation Cash books &ca: wee observe ye: following.

That ye: Maddapollam arrived at Bencoolen ye: 27th: Aprill & was dispatcht hither ye: begining of Septemr: ye: reason rendred for detaning her so long is yt: in ye meddle of June upon advice of ye: lose of Indapore they resolved to Send her thither for ye: recovery of yt: Place & ye: [Messengers] were as farr as [P]riamong where ye: Buggesers sent upon yr: expeditions refus[eing] to proceed, they returnd to York Fort ye: 5 Augt: & from yt: time till ye: 2 Septemr: they were employed in adj[u]sting of accot: & Prepareing Books & papers to Send hither.

That ye: bill wee paid here to Capt: Howell of 6493 Dollrs: & ye: Dolls: sent them by ye: Maddapollam 19680 together wth: a bought 8000 Doll recd: there for goods and Pepper Sold & does make a sume of about 34000 Dolls: actually recd: by Mr: Fleetwood &ca: from ye: 1 Janry: 9⅔ to ye last of Augt: 1693 of wch: great sums has been in yt: time paid for Pepper no more yn: 2267 Dolls: and ye: rest all expended for debts & charges except 4000 Dollrs: sent to [P]riamong 6786 Dollrs: ye: [Ball] of Cash ye: last of Augt: besides wch: [Ball:] they have drawne upon us bills for about 7000 Dollrs: So yt: their Quick Stock was at ye: departure of ye Ship about 13000 & yet they write yt: if ye: Sampson comes she must bring [a] stock wth: her otherwise they cant provide Pepper for want of mony, The charges of ye: Garrison are large but they have sent no Pursers accot: and therefore can say nothing to it.

That they have deferred ye: execution of ye: order for reciveing 5 ℘Cent Custome because ye: Dutch would thereby take an advantage against them & China men who are comeing from Battavia would thereby be [discouraged] yt: 15 Coffrees now employed as Souldiers yt: some of them carry goods &ca: as occasion require thô otherwise they are not employed at all not so much as planting yor: [Batteries] &ca: for their own victualls but are wholely suply[ed] out of ye: stores.

That their Godowns had been latly burnt and Severall goods lost thereby & they have built another again one for Present use they can make [of] bricks.

That ye Cheneymen have made 50 or 100000 Bricks twelve months agoe but refuse to burne them so they lye, but ye: Coffrees were never used to yt: Service.

That they have employed David Davis as Secretary & Robert Henderson as doctr: but cannot imploy Wady as a Gardiner for want of seeds.

That of ye: 10 Butts of Bengall Arrack sent them by ye: Maddapollam some were expended among ye: Souldiers by a dayly allowance as was directed for 6 weeks only, and then la[i]d aside.

That ye: Silver fanams will not pass but Copper Cash will & they have enaugh of them till farther advice.

As to Indrapore they are of a oppinion from ye: accot: given them by English &ca: who went to York ffort yt: Mr: Gibbons left it wn: there was no occasion for it & yt: Capt: Lane at Padang offerd Mr: Gibbon a passage for York ffort but he refus'd it & chose to goe for Battavia & they farther comp[lain] yt: they have not recd: acctt: from Ind[r]apore.

That no Covenant servant has recd: Sallary since Mr: Fleetwoods first Goeing.

That ye silver sent to Tonqeen was weighed in Baggs by AvverDupz: wtt: of 112lb: & yn: put in ye: [chest] in presence of [ye] Master & Purser notwth: standing the Bills of Ladeing were takeing a side & contents unknowne they are of a Oppinion yt: now Indrapora is lost ye: Dutch will goe on to destroy Pepper and undermine all our Settlemts: on ye: west coast if not prevented by a farther Supply of Strenth or means used in Europe, they propound yt: 2 Sloops may be yearly sent thither one in March, & ye: other in Octr: and both Return laden wth: pepper.

That plenty of Pepper is to be had at [P]riamong they desire 20 Tope[ss]es to bee sent them to serve in ye: room of B[u]ggesses.

That they have adjusted Mr: Sowdons Accot: in ye: Stateing whereof they found many errors more to his own prejudice yn: ye: Compas: they send his account Stated & ye: bal̄l is about 1400 Dol̄l: & referr to yor: Excelly: determination.

That Pangran Jangula ye: Chief Raga of Syllabar proves a true freind & upon ye: Settlemt: of a Pagar there dos promise to ffurnish 300 Pator [Bahar ?] of pepper yearly.

That ye: Cheife & Second doe allow themselves 40 Dol̄l a month Capt: pay upon ye: Rt: Honble: Compns: Generall order.

The Genll: Lr̄e fr̄o Mr: Willson & ye: papers in his Packett doe Cheifly complaine against Mr: Fleetwoods Govrt: some whereof are mentioned in ye: Genll: Books & others in ye: Consulltation & ye: papers mention'd in Mr: Willsons List.

The Chinamen complain yt: they have sold him goods & gold to a Considerable amt: for ready Dollers but he forced them to Stay a long time & at last paid them in Coast Cloth at so dear a rate yt: they lost about 25 ℘ Ct: by them by wch: means they are discouraged from settleing.

That Mr: Fleetwood had omitted Severall sums amot: to about 7000 Dollers wch: he ought to have charged in his accot: Cash whereof 3000 Dollers is for ye: profitt of ye: goods wch: he recd: from Capt: [Howell] upon ye: bill of 6498 Dollers wch: bill was drawne in September 1692 & his accot: Cash is debted to acctt: Currant ffort St: George in Janry: 169⅔ in all wch: time he appears by his Cash to have lent so much money to ye: Compa: the Remander is for dead mens estates 900 Dol̄ls: goods Sold out of ye: Godowne 1158 Dollers Custome on Pepper Sold 1050 Dol̄ls: & 215 Baker [Bahar ?] of Pepper Sold out of ye: Compas: Godown to Capt: Howell for 2365 Dollers of all wch: Mr: Fleetwood had entered nothing till Mr: Willson arrivall & hath Since charged ye: great part thereof except ye: 3000 Dollers profitt on Howells goods whereof he still refuseth to make accot: to ye: Compa: It is also complained yt: Mr: Fleetwood doth reserve to himself ye: overplus measure of ye: Compas: pepper & Keeping ye: Godown in his own hands doth refuse to give an accot: thereof yt: he maintains a familiarity wth: ye: Compa: of their Buggesses their Malay Linguest and Sultan Indy who are all suspected by others and that he doth neglect ye: necessary reparations of the Garrison.

The Papers by wch: these things doe appear are to many and to large to send your Excelly: their Coppeys but wee thought it not amiss to give you these short hints for your present consideration.

Mr: Butterfield has brought wth: him ye: Journll of York ffort Genll: books ending in Aprill last but ye: Ledger & ye: adjustmt: of ye: accot: Courrant remain to be done which he has promised to finish [as] soon as his health will permitt him being sickly and under a course of Phisick.

Mr: Gibbons pretending indisposition has not yet deliverd all ye: accots: & Papers wch: he promised we Still want ye: narrati[v]es of ye: occasion & reasons of his leaveing Indrapore factory, Consultations & ye: accot: of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: remains in their Godowns &ca: but he hath deliverd us an accot: of Cash by wch: there is due to him for Bal̄l: 23132 Dol̄ls: & a pursers accot: of charges by wch: there is due to Do: Purser 1064 Dollers but he Sayes they have no Genll: Books for want of assistance of paper &ca: concerning wch: wee need say no more at present yn: to assure yor: Excelly: ye: accot: will be examined before the Bal̄l: is paid.

Wee have paid our Mercht: 15000 Pa: upon ye: last contract & shall be forced to borrow money to discharge ye: Bills drawn on us from ye: West coast otherwise must put a stop to ye: Investmt:

Wee have now in our Godowns 59 bales of Fort St: David Goods & hope by ye: latter end of Decembr: to have [*lacuna in the original*] bales of our own ready by ye: advises from Fort St: David wee conclude they will have as many or more ready there.

Wee recd: from York Fort by ye: Maddapollam 38 Candy of Pepper and daly expect 40 more by ye: Satisfaction and this is all except Redwood that we can

depend upon here for y^{e} : filling up of y^{e} : Sampson in Decem^{r} : but in the month of Jan^{ry} : Cloth will come in much faster.

If yor : Excell^{y} : does dispatch y^{e} : Samuell directly from Bengall to York Fort [well] kentilag[ed] wth : Saltpetre and redwood it is probable there may be a sufficient quantity of Pepper to fill her up there being in y^{e} : Godowns at M^{r} : Butterfields comeing away[*Lacuna in the original*] Ba[h]ar of Pepper & a prospect of getting as much more as they can spare mony to buy.

After y^{e} : Maddapollam was unladen, we sent her to Fort S^{t} : David, & ordered her to be carryed into y^{e} : River as well to secure her from y^{e} : Monsoon or to give her y^{e} : repair necessary for another voyage & for y^{e} : better dispatch have sent an English Carpenter wth : her, after w^{ch} : She will be fitt for a voyage either to y^{e} : West coast or Rhetorah as yor : Excell^{y} : shall think fitt all y^{e} : acco^{t} : wee have of y^{e} : Satisfaction is y^{t} ; she [is] very weak & out of repair y^{t} : she was allmost ready to Sail w^{n} : y^{e} : Maddapollam came away for this place & brings wth : her 40 Ba[hars] of Pepper & one Charles Ryley who is Sent hither for misde[meanors] wth : 10 of y^{e} : Comp^{as} : Coffrees to Supply y^{e} : place of Lascarrs ; w^{n} : she comes she will hardly be fitt for any farther Service wee have long expected but have not heard any farther Europe news from Govr : Pitt, nor by any other meanes.

We have Sent a Duplicate of this Lr̃e one to Bengall & another to Vizagapatam.

The Yorke Fort Gen^{ll} : mentions nothing of Capt : Decrow but y^{t} : they were forceed to [take] Capt. Howells Pepper to gett money to pay him for y^{e} : slaves and M^{rs} : Butterfield [Sayes] y^{t} : hee sailed from thence in January last for Europe not full laden, wee are.

Yo^{r} : Excell^{y} : very humble & [a]fect^{e} : Servants

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL : FRASER.

TO Y^{E} : RIGHT WORP^{LL} : FRANCIS ELLIS, ESQ^{R}.,
AGENT &C^{A} : COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E} : RIGHT
HONERABLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A} : IN BENGALL.

Our 17th : past was sent you overland wth : Duplicate of ours dat^{d} : 5th : Octo^{r} :

On 27th : past arrived here y^{e} : Maddapollam from Yorke ffort & brought us but 38 bahers Pepper & by y^{e} : satisfaction wee expect 40 more, they have at y^{e} : deperture of y^{t} : ship 150 baher redy in their Godowns & more coming [in for] y^{e} : expected Sampson But by w^{t} : they write [to us] wee cannot depend upon more y^{n} : 300 baher in all unless y^{e} : ship you send from Bengall carry some Mexic[o] Dollers wth : herr to pay for it, wee thought fitt to advise you this for your direction in cas[e] his Excell^{y} : y^{e} : Comissary Gen^{ll} : Should here order yor : sending y^{e} : Samuell or any other ship directly thither. In y^{t} : case : send them 5 or 10 Butts of Bengall arrack, and iett them know it is our order, y^{t} : y^{e} : same be distributed among ye Souldiers by dayly allowance & not sold out by Buts to them y^{t} : Retail it is a double price to y^{e} : poor Souldiers they also want other sorts of Bengall Provisions whereof you may allwayes Send them some when ever you have an oppertunity Viz^{t} : Butter Oyle Bread Rice & Guinyes & a letell wax ; wee have no Europe news nor here of any English ship arrived in India.

By Ship Tankred wee have Sent you a List & supply of Redwood, more y^{n} : you will have occasion for y^{e} : Charles y^{e} : Second, if you Send a Ship, from Bengall to York Fort to fill up wth : pepper lett her have her full ℘portion of Redwood but send no Red wood hither, wee haveing enough, and you may want it for future occasion wee are

Your affec[tio]onate ffreinds & Servants

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : DOLBEN.
WILL : FRASER.

Fort S^{t} : George,
Novem^{r} 13th : 1693.

To Y^{E} : WORP^{LL} : W^{M} : HATSELL ESQ^{R} :
DEPTY GOVR : OF FORT S^{T} : DAVID &C^{A} : COUNCILL.

Our last was 3 Ins^{t} : by Ship Maddappollam w^{ch} : wee hope is arrived wth : goods sent you amo^{t} : to Pag^{ds} : 261 : 11.

Wee formerly sent you a muster of neckcloth at 33 ℘ Pa : w^{ch} : you wrote us y^{t} : your Merch^{ts} : would not contract for return us y^{e} : neckcloths by y^{e} : first Oppertunity first makeing a muster of Betteela as near it as you can in length breadth & fineness w^{ch} : keep by you for future use if you shall find occassion y^{t} : Sort of Neck[c]loth being much demanded by y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : ading only four or six stripes at each end & 1 stripe on each Si[de].

13 Ditto.

Yesterday wee rec^{d} : yours of y^{e} : 6th : and are sorry to find M^{r} : Haynes has so grossely delay'd & neglected y^{e} : Gen^{ll} : books, which will bee further taken notice of if those ending October 1692 be not finished to send home by y^{e} : next Ship, which possibly may be in y^{e} : next month y^{e} : want of assistants is but a slender exquse for your Small bookes wee Shall make good yor : two bills drawne upon us for 1591 Pag^{ds} : 5 fa : 4 Ca : Payable to M^{r} : Dolben. wee are.

Your affect^{e} : Freinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JN^{O} : DOLBEN.
W^{M} : FRASER.

Fort S^{t} : George
10th : Novem^{r} : 1693.

FORT S^{r} : GEORGE NO[V^{R}] 13TH 1693.

To HIS EXC^{Y} : S^{R} : JO : GOLDSBOROUGH, KN^{T} :
COMMISSARY GEN^{LL} : & CHEIFE SUPRAVISOR FOR AFFAIRS OF
Y^{E} : R^{T} : HON^{BLE} EAST INDIA COMPANY IN BENGALL.

Our last to yor : Exc^{y} : was dat^{d} : 10 past vizt : Vizagapatam whereof is a coppy inclosed On the 5 Ins^{t} : there came a Pattemar from Vizagapat^{m} : w^{ch} : brought a gen^{ll} : Lr̃e adviseing their great want of money for carrying on their Investment wherein their Merch^{ts} : proce[e]d faster y^{n} : wee can Supply them, with those Peons came two others who brought some Private lr̃es among w^{ch} : there was one directed to M^{r} : Trenchfeild from M^{r} : Henry Stanley Cheif of Ballasore, after w^{ch} : their was Spread a report in Town of y^{e} : arrivall of an Interloper in Bengall, whereupon on Thursday the 7th : Ins^{t} : wee Sent for M^{r} : Trenchfeild who produced his Lr̃e part whereof y^{e} : Secre^{ty} : Coppyed w^{ch}: is here inclosed w^{ch} : thô it gives an acco^{t} : of one Ship arrived at Bengall and another gone to Surratt, on a private acco^{t} : yett wee [are not] thereby informed wether they are interlopers or ℘missived Ships, but fear they are for[mer] because M^{r} : Stanley in his Lr̃e to M^{r} : Trenchfeild des[ires] him to keep y^{t} : newes private, Concerning w^{ch} : [wee] must note to yor : Exc^{y} : y^{t} : M^{r} : Stanley Thô he [had] y^{e} : oppertunity of Sending advice to M^{r} : Trenchfeild did not think fitt to give notice to us thereof and y^{e} : news was spread up and downe Tow[ne] before wee knew how it came.

[U]pon y^{e} : advice wee Suppose it probable y^{t} : yor : Exc^{y} : may find occasion to Stay in Bengall Longer then wee Expected, wee th[e]refore take y^{e} : oppertunity to put yor : Exc^{y} : in mind of our present want of stock for carrying on y^{e} : Inv^{ts} : of y^{e} : Coast to w^{ch} : wee are forceed to put a Stop till wee receive a further supply.

The Stock necessary for our pres^{t} : occasion is at least Pag^{ds} : [*lacuna in the original*] vizt : for finishing.

The Contract at	Fort S^{t} : David	Pag^{ds} :	7,000
D^{o} :	ffort S^{t} : George		12,000
D^{o} :	Vizagapatam		7,000
		Pag^{ds} :	26,000

For paym^{t}: of money borrowed at Intrest as ℘ y^{e}: acco^{t}: inclosed w^{ch}: wth: ye Interest will amo^{t}: about ...	16,500
For Six months Ordinary charges of the three Coast factories besides yor: Revenues about ...	12,000
Pag^{ds}:	54,500
besides w^{ch}: wee may reasonably expect to be at some Extraordinary charges, and if yor: Exc^{y}: shall thinke fitt to carry on y^{e}: Investm^{ts}: of y^{e}: Coast for y^{e}: Suxeeding year 194 th[e]re will bee wanting for that at least Pag^{ds}:	60,000
	1,14,500
Tho wee hope [y^{t}] Supposeing y^{r}: happens no Ex-[traor]dinary change nor Stoppage [in y^{e}] Countrey y^{r}: may bee twenty [or thir]ty thousand more Inve[stment on] y^{e}: Coast there will be allso [. . req]uisite for ye maintenance [of Y]orke Fort a Stocke of at [least]	20,000
All w^{ch}: does amount [to]	1,34,500

which calculation w[ee] only offer to yor: Excell^{ys}: consideration.

There being two Ships come out wee have thought it necessary for y^{e}: Supply of Tonnage if there shall be occasion to contract for four or five hundred Candy of Redwood y^{t}: w^{ch}: wee Sent by the Tancred will allso be Returnd to us from Maddapollam where y^{e}: Ship fell in looseing her Passage and y^{e}: Owners haveing a necessity of repairing her there have undertaken to send y^{e}: Redwood hither at their own charge by Country boats.

The Madapollam lyes Still in Cuddalore Road and is not yet got into y^{e}: River.

Wee have discharged all y^{e}: bills drawn upon us from Yorke fort, except 1,600 Dollers due to M^{r}: Alvares w^{ch}: he hath hitherto forborn, our Cash being very low y^{e}: Balance whereof is but Pag^{ds}: [*lacuna in the original*].

Wee will nott now give your Ex[cell ye trouble] of more ℘ticular advices being in dayly [expectacon] of receiving Such directions from yor: Excell^{y}: by the first Bengall Ship as will give us occasion to send another Pattamar.

It being very probable y^{t}: y^{e}: Princess Ann & the James & Mary will bring a considerable quantity of Stores & Europe goods for Sale we Send yor: Exc^{y} an acc^{tt}: of w^{tt}: we have now remaining in our Godown wth: a list of w^{t}: [wee] think requisite for our use or prop^{r}: for Sale: we [have] sold all y^{e}: Lead, except 358 Candy y^{e}: most p[art at] or above 12 Pa: ℘ Candy but it is probable [the price] will fall here if much greater quantity be imported, Broadcloth being now very Scarce [is very] dear and will always be a good Comoditi[e here] while y^{e}: Comp: continues in these parts.

By [y^{e}: a]cco^{t}: of York Fort & Indapore it does appear [y^{t} y^{e}] R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Pay very Dear for provisions and stores bought there four or five times more y^{n}: their prime Cost w^{ch}: has been one reason of y^{e}: encrease of their charges w^{n}:ever they have occasion to buy Arrack & rice they are Gen^{ll}: Charged at y^{e}: ffollowing price Arrack from 1½ Doller to 2 Dollers a Gallon Rice 5 to 10 bamboes ℘ Doller w^{ch}: may be supplyd from Bengall at a much cheaper rate [especially] y^{e}: Arrack whereof there was not Spent less 2 Butts in a month in both factorys & every butt y^{t}: is bought there cost y^{e}: Comp^{a}: 200 Dollers.

We have by Publick outcry lett ye : farm of arrack to Narran &ca for Pa : 520 & for Arrackroot for 200 Pa : for one year comm[en]cing 1 Novemr : last ye : wine licences will be Suddainly exposed to Sale, as to ye : farm of betle and Tobacco and Gangee there does arrise Some Scruples & difficulties wch : wee were in hopes your Excy : would have come time enough to have resouled, the Betle farm will begin on ye 15 Janry next & ye Tobacco farm on ye [*lacuna in the original*] both wth : ye: Chittes &ca : are very much against who formerly [had ye : Trade] of those [things] in their own hands & they have gain'd a party, Narran our Chief Dubash some of ye : Compas : Merchts : & others ye : Compas : Servants doe upon all occasions urge their opinion & advise to lay them aside & in lue of ye farm to impose an equivalent Custome upon those things ye : only argumt : alledg[ed by] them is yt : it gives to ye : Moo[rs] & Persian Inhabitants & strangers not only an [offence or] anoyence but an occasion of representing us ill to ye Nabob &ca : ye : Armenia[n]s also have very frequently expressed their disgust at this pract[ice yor] Excy: [will] understand ye reasons upon wch : those farmes were first made being donẽ when your Selfe was here we therefore desire yor : Excy : will please to give us yor : direction therein by ye: first oppertunity till when we shall defer ye : farming of ye : betle and cause ye : present farmers to goe on wth : their old contract w[h]ether ye : farm of ye : Tobacco & Gangee will at ye : next sale yeald more or lesse wee cannot tell but rather think it will yeald less, ye : farm of ye : betle will yeald 3 or 4 times as much as before on ye : other hand it is apparent yt : ye : Country Govermt : does take notice of ye : advantage made by their farms and they will one time or other give us trouble about them which will cost us money to take of there [be]ing a considerable [pa]rty in ye : town who desoyn wth : ye : Duan [Officers] therein.

13 Decembr : 1693.

On ye : 10th : Inst in ye : evening we recd : yor Excy : Lr̃e dat 14 Octor : confirming ye : abo[ve]said news of ye : Interlopers arrivall wth : a Coppy of Mr : Stanly lr̃e to yor : Excy : we take notice of wt : yor : Excy : [wrote] : concerning ye : probability of a ship touching here to fill up & [shall make] ye : best provisions we can but cannot depend upon above 500 [Bahar] on ye : whole [coast] in ye : month of Decemr : & in ye : month [of Janry 2] or 300 more.

Mr : Pitt [gave us secu]rity for ye Samuell[s] Lead wanting [whereof] ye : Agent hath advised us to have recd [3 piggs] pz : 13 md 6 Seer for ye remainder wee have [dema]nded satisfaction of Mr : Pitt who promises to make it good if Capt : Freake does not att his arrivall.

It is agreed by all yt : Assid Caun is alive but has not yet been admitted to ye : Kings presence so yt : tis very doubtfull whether an application to him may have any good Success however we Shall very Suddainly write to him & Zulphackar Caun haveing an occasion to write to ye : latter concerneing ye : town rent money lately pd : to his order but we Shall be at a loss whether to make any farther [use] of Emaum Cooly or to employ another he haveing lately ffallen into a disgrace by a failure in his Govrt : and hath writ [us a] very Idle Lr̃e nothing to ye : purpose but wee will haste these letters away to Zulphacker Caun & Assud Caun yt : by their answer yor : Excy : [wn] you come here may be ye : better able to judge wtt : measures to take yor : Excy : w[i]ll by our former lr̃es understand wt : wee have done relateing [to] Brinjoan our last Genll : Lr̃e from Fort St : David recd yesterday give us their hopes of getting ye Maddapollam into ye : [river suddainly] and in ye : meane time they are [prepareing] things to dispatch her repairs yt : we [hope she will] be fitted time enough for your [Excys : order].

The [West Coast] accot: of Indapore and York Fort, [so far as wee] have them, are under an examination against yor Excys : arrivall, Mr : Butterfield will send home ye : Genll : [Books] of Yorke Fort ending Feby : 169⅔ & Aprill 1692 but we have recd : no Genll : Books at all fr̃o Mr : Gibbons he pretending their never was any made for want of assistance we hope ye : Fort St : George Books ending Aprill Last will be ready for ye first Ship but wee expect none from Fort

St: David Mr: Haines have not yet finished their Books ending Octor: '92 thô we have frequently wrote very strictly about them wee are.

Yor: Excys: most humble: & affect: Servants
N. Higginson.
Jo: Dolben.
Wm: Fraser.

P.S.

In persuance of your Excy: Orders concerning yor: lres we have now open'd two lres wch: came from Mr: fflee[t]wood & Mr: Willson fro York Fort & 5 packetts [sent] by Mr: Staniesly to ye: Presdt: for convaiance wth: our Lre dated 21st: October Sent wth: Coppy & abstract of her diaryes principally [returns] as appears [by] her Lre here [to the] difference wth: ye: lre and [some] other papers of her own [business] we are,

[N.H.]
[J.D.]
[W.F.]

List of the Pacquet to his Excy: the Comissary Genll:

1. Generall to his Excy: date: 9th: & 13th: Decemr: 1693.
2. Coppy of a genll: to ditto Dated 10th: Novemr: 1693.
3. Accot: Mony borrowed [at int]erest.
4. Accot: remains in [Fort St. Ge]orge Godowns.
5. Accot: of what [wanting for present] stores & sale.
6. Accot: what [goods brought] into ye: Mercht: Godowns.
7. Coppy of some [part of Mr.] Stanleys Lre to Mr: Trench[feild].

Fort St: George Novr: 20th: 1693.

To Mr: Simon Holcombe Cheif &ca:
Councill at Vizagapatam.

Our last was 10th: Inst: wee have recd: yors: of 24 Octr: wth: Consultacon & Stewards accot: & Referr wtt: you write us concerning Mr: Sherrar Carrage & his procedings & Mr: Barwells Request for Repaireing hither unto his Excy: ye: Commissary Generall. Inclosed is a Coppy of Mr: Sherar [*Lacuna in the original*] Ob[lig]ation for his better behavear.

As to yr: Brown Cloth 187 Corge wch: you write it is Generally So Stain'd yt: tis not fitt to embale brown & yor: Washers cant wash it so soon as you desire, Lett so much of it as is fitt for embaleing brown bee embaled, & ye: rest remitted as Soon as you can, but send noe Such Cloth hither to wash.

As to yor: want of money wee [have] formerly answerd you, that we cannot Send yo[u] more now. Wee are.

Yor: affect: Freinds
N: Higginson.
J: Dolben.
W: Fraser.

Fort St: George, Novr: 27th: [1693].

To ye: Worpll: Wm: Hatsell Esqr:
Depty: Govr: of Fort St: David &ca Councill.

Our last was 10th: Inst: wee have recd: yours of ye: 16th: Inst: wth: yor acct: Currant end Aprill 1693 & Mr: Hains his Remarkes on ye: differences between ffort St: David and Connimere Accot:

As to ye: 39 Slabbs [of] Lead wherein you find 19 wanting of Invoice Weight & ye: 69 bars of Iron wherein there is 7lb: over they were both Invoiced from here in ffebr: last to Bencoolen upon Ship Madapollam & from thence Returned

to us & here [con]tinued for ffort S^t: David: y^e: differance is not soe much but it may be adjusted by profitt & Loss as to y^e: 20 bags of Suger, in w^{ch}: you write their is 4^{md}: 21^{lb} wanting in y^e: Weight, you dont advise whether you mean grosse or Nett weight. If it bee in grose weight it must bee imbuzzel'd by y^e: Ships company & made good by them w^{ch}: will appear by y^e: condition of y^e: bags w^n: you receve them, but possibly it may arise from a differance in y^e: Nett wa^{tt}: & then your Storekeeper dos allow more tare to a bag then our Invoice expresses, w^{ch}: is but 4^{lb}: ℘ bag and is probably a mistake of w^{ch}: enquire & advise.

Besides y^e: Lead & Iron there was Returned to [us] from Bencoole[n] ℘ y^e: Madapollam 9 bars of [steel] P^z: 84$\frac{1}{4}$^{lb}: Invoicd at Pag^{ds}: [9] w^{ch}: was intend-[ed to] bee Reced: aShore here [but] y^e: Warehouse[Keeper] acquaints us, y^t: y^e: [cheif mate] wrote [him y^t: hee] could not find it, but would deliver it at Fort S^t: David: w^{ch}: demand of him & if not deli'ed advise us, y^t: it may be deduced out of y^e: Ships Wages, one bar was used by y^e: Ship.

Our Warehousekeeper is orderd to Send you Ropes for embaleing by newe conveyance.

S[i]nce y^e: fanam Gold comes out so well wee shall send you 3 or 400 Pag^{ds}: value more in a shortt time, by w^{ch}: you will probably gaine more then you lost by y^t: former ℘cell.

Herewth: is our Paymast[e]rs acco^t: of y^e: wages due to John Ware John Hodges and Edward Williams y^e: two latter were ordered to come ashore here & not to proced to Fort S^t: David, wee therefore order them discharged from y^e: Ship y^e: first day of this month unlesse from y^t: time they will serve for $\frac{1}{2}$ pay till y^e: Ship enters upon another Voyage pray hasten her repairr as fast as you can it will be a great disappointment if you cant [get] her into y^e: River.

Hasten y^e: Gen^{ll}: books ending Sept^r: 1693 & lett y^e: next Gen^{ll}: Books end in Aprill 1693, w^{ch}: is y^e: time appointed for y^e: determination of all Gen^{ll}: Bookes & is not [to] be altered but upon extrao[r]dinary occation.

Wee have rec͠ed yo^{rs}: of 20th: Jan^{ry}: by Padre Cleri[ci] this day w^{ch}: requires time to con [sider] wee are,

Yo^r: affect: ffreinds

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
W^M: FRASER.

Herewth: is attestation of y^e: gross we^t: [of] the 20 bags [of] sugar, and [a] note sent [by the cheife]mate whe[n here] concerne[ing the steel] Idem.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 13TH: DECEMB^R: [1693].

TO Y^E: R^T: WORP^{LL}: FRANCIS ELLIS ESQ^R:
AGENT &C^A: COUN^{LL}: IN BENGALL.

Wee rec^d: yor^s: of y^e: 14 Octo^r: wee hope Capt: Freek will make Satisfaction for y^e: Lead before he comes if not his security here hath promised to make it good.

The Ship Tancred by w^{ch}: wee advised you to send Redwood hath mist her Port, & ffallen into Maddapollam from whence y^e: Redwood will be sent hither so y^t: you must not expect it; y^e: time of y^e: year not permitting.

Herewth: is a packett for his Excell^y: y^e: Commissary w^{ch}: if he be come away return to us, wee are.

Yo^r: aff͠econ^t: ffreinds and Servants.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

FORT ST. GEORGE 13TH NOVR: 1693.

To MR: HENRY STANLY
CHIEF &CA: COUNCILL AT BALLASORE.

Herewth: are our Lrẽs directed to his Excy: ye: Comissary Genll: & another to ye: Agent &ca: Counll: of Bengall wch: forward upon Recept If his Excy: shall be come away before you receive them return to us yt: wch: is directed to him.

Mr: Stanly Sent a Lrẽ to Mr: Trenchfield dat: 14 Oct: & another since adviseing ye: arrivall of ye: Interloper & other Europe news but att ye: same time [gave us] no advice wch: was a great omission & we doe [order you] for ye: future by every opertunity to [give us a parti]cular accot: of ye: In[terlop]ers proceedings [or any other oc]currances relateing [to ye:] Rt: Hoble: Co: affairs [we are]

Yor: affect: Freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WM: FRASER.

FORT ST: GEORGE 13TH: DECR: [1693].

To MR: SYMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEF &CA: COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

Wee recd: yors: of ye: 21 past wth: ye: Coppy of Doctr: Plumers Lrẽ to ye: Chief & Translate of ye: Seerlascares Pacquett & a packett from his Excelly:

Wee very well approve yor: early consideration for Secureing ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Interest against ye: Incroachmt: of ye: Interlopers in order to wch: an application to ye: Seer Lascar is very necessary.

Wee here therefore send you ye: Presdts: Lrẽ to him wch: if his Excy: shall not come to you before you receive it you may send it to ye: Seer Lascar unless ye: State of yor: affairs Shall be so chang'd by any accident as yt: you judge it not adviseable & ye: Chief may also write to ye: Seer lascar either at ye: same time or hereafter as occasion Shall require: It is not in our power at present to supply you with money, but wee doubt not the arrivall of two Ships from ye: Rt: Honble: Company in Bengall notwthstanding the Interlopers report of their being embargo'd & wee hope they will bring a good Stock.

We approve of ye: Chief goeing to ye: Seer lascar wth: the Present.

Advise us wtt: Sorts & quantity of Europe goods will [sell] at Vizagapatam & ye: [Prices], wee are,

Yor: affecte: ffriends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

FORT ST: GEORGE 14 DECEMBR: 1693.

To YR: WORPLL: WM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA: COUNCILL.

Wee have Recd: yors: of ye: 2th: & 8 Inst: ye: 8 barrs of Steel were recd: ashore from ye: Madapollam by ye: Storekeepers Assist: who omitted to give notice thereof till now.

Hasten ye: repair of ye: Madapollam as soon as you can possible.

Mr: Brideoake may have ℘mission to take his Passage on any ship of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: yt: Shall be despatcht next from Fort St: David or this place

paying into y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Cash for his permission 26 pag^{s}: and makeing good y^{e}: twenty [Pag^{ds}:] advanced to him by y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: in England w^{ch}: may be either deducted out of his salary, or otherwise repaid by him before he goes.

The blew Long Cloth & all other cloth brought in by y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: below muster must not be return'd to them but kept in yor: Godowns till you have convenient quantity, and mesure, and y^{n}: take it in makeing an abatem^{t}: according to it's defects, as was ordered, and practised last year, the practice of Fort S^{t}: George has allways been to sort y^{e}: cloth brown w^{ch}: has been intended for dyeing, Long cloth according to y^{e}: goodness of N^{o}: 2 esteeming y^{t}: w^{ch}: is round and thick, better then that w^{ch}: is finer and thinner w^{ch}: may be better judg'd of when brown y^{n}: w^{n}: dyed and after it is dyed our sorters do overlook it again to judge of y^{e}: Colour, if you have beg[un] to sort blew, 'tis probable your Merch^{ts}: will not [alter y^{r}] Method, but w^{n}: you ma[ke a]nother Contra[ct reduce] their practice conforme [to] ours.

The warehousekeeper is ordered to se[nd you a butt of Goa] arrack by y^{e}: [first] oppertunity.

By these Peons whose names are under written wee have Sent you two baggs Cont^{g}: 99 oz: 8 wt. of fanam[s] gold being fanams 18,500 w^{ch}: cost Pag^{ds}: 477: 28 fa: and by our Assaymasters Report hold out 4 mat $\frac{3}{16}$ for w^{ch}: give us Creditt wee Suppose we Shall send you no more & hope in y^{e}: whole there will be no great Losse.

On y^{e}: 10th: Ins^{t}: wee rec^{d}: a lr̃e from his Excel̃ly: y^{e}: Commisary Generall dated 14 October adviseing only the arrivall of Ship Sedgmour Capt: Jeffereys Commander and Capt. Thomas Pitt and Allen Catchpoll, Cape Merchants, who left England the 12 May last and are come to try their fortune in India upon an Interlopeing Acco^{t}: wee have yet no advice nor any reason to thinke Shee will come upon y^{e}: Coast, however wee give you this timely advice that you may allwais have it in your thoughts, by all possible means to secure y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Companys Interest, and to defeat these ill designes, and all those who are Servants of y^{e}: Right Honorable Company under the Goverm^{t}: and protection are Strictly forbiden to have Correspondence wth: them or be any way aiding or assisting to them it is reported in Bengall that, that ship sent letters ashore at ffort S^{t}: David which pray enquire into wee are,

Yo^{r}: affect^{e}: Freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE DECM^{R}: 14TH: 1693.

TO Y^{R}: SEER LASCAR AT GINGERLEE.

I enjoy good health and hope to hear y^{e}: same from y^{r}: Hon^{r}:, understand, from y^{e}: Chief of Vizagapatam wth: w^{t}: Success yor: Hon^{r}: has reduced those troublesome parts into good order by yor: valour & prudent Conduct & how kind & favourable yor: Hon^{r}: has been to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: affairs in all parts under yor: Gov^{rt}: for w^{ch}: I give your Hon^{r}: my harty thanks & shall be thereby encouraged to carry on & enlarge Our trade whi[le] I am assisted by yor: ffriendship & y^{e}: R^{t}: Honorable Comp^{as}: estate protected & securd by yor: wise & just Goverm^{t}: & being very careful to prevent all occasions of misunderstanding, I have given Strict orders by y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: perticular directions that all y^{e}: Ships belonging to them shall always carry wth: them a pass seald wth: their seal & signed by their Presidents or Chief & Coun^{ll}: by w^{ch}: means your Hon^{r}: will know whether they doe really belong to y^{e}: Comp^{a}: or no & I desire you will be pleased to give strict order in all parts of y^{e}: goverm^{t}: y^{t}: if any Ships Shall come wthout the Said Pass they may be esteemed as Pirates & Robbers, of whom there has been Severall Ships who takeing upon them ye name and Coulors of English have gone to Severall parts of [India] pretending to

drive a [tr]ade, but have [watcht] there oppertunity to [Robb] and plunder [even] the Mogulls own [subjects] the blame [was] layd upon y^{e}: English, whereas such wicked men as those, are our greatest Enimies, I gave yor: Hon^{r}: this notice y^{t}: if any Such ships come into your parts you may understand y^{t}: I am not concern'd in them & if they shall doe any mischief it will not be my fault but if y^{e}: Govr: under yor: Hon^{r}: shall give countenance & reception to y^{m}: they will be answerable, I am

Yo^{r} most hum^{ble}: Servt:
NATH : HIGGINSON.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE DE^{R}: 18TH: 1693

TO THE WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: HATTSELL ESQ^{R}:
DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}: OF FOR^{T}: S^{T}: DAVID &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Wee send you this by Padre Cleri[ci], concerning whome our order of Consultaation y^{e}: 16th Ins^{t}: follows attested by y^{e}: Secretary, w^{ch}: you are to See observed till further Order & att present wee need ad no more relateing to y^{t}: affair.

By y^{e}: first oppertunity Send a Corge or two of white Betteelas fitt for our ffiag being much cheaper there then here wee are

Yo^{r}: affect^{e}: ffreinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL : FRASER.

TO RAMDAS TARUFFDAR
TO ARSEMANAIGUE. DECEMBER 26th: 1693.

I rec^{d}: you[r] lre & am glad to he[a]re of your good health, but dont understand w^{t}: you write concerning my delivery of three towns to you, you are well vers'd in all affairs of this Country & Chenipatam, & it cannot be unknown to you that Triblicane was granted freely by y^{e}: Kings of Carnata & Golcondah to y^{e}: English, at y^{e}: same time y^{t}: Chenipatam was & y^{e}: other two towns of Yegmore & Per[s]iwacca were for our Service to y^{e}: King lately granted by Assid Caun y^{e}: Grand Visier & Zulphacker Caun ye Nabob their perwannas by y^{e}: Kings Hasbalhookum by virtue of w^{ch}: we have possession, & since y^{e}: King the Grand Visier & Nabob have given their order how can I act contrary.

You have been many years our friend & if you bring these things into your consideration & lett Arsemanague know the truth there will then be no occasion of disp[ut]e about these matters & Since Arsemanague has the good fortune of Allumgeers favo[u]r I doubt not but he will readily grant us more, & continue his antient friendship, I am

Yo^{r}: Loving ffriend
& Servant
NATH : HIGGINSON.

DECEM^{B}: Y^{E} 28TH: 1693.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}: DEP^{TY}:
GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCIL AT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Our last was y^{e}: 18th: Inst : since w^{ch}: we have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of 16th: with y^{e}: Neckcloths.

On y^{e}: 25th: Ins^{t}: wee rec^{d}: a Gen^{ll}: Lre from y^{e}: Ag^{t}: & Councill of Bengall dated 9th: Ins^{t}: by Shipp Wellfare, w^{ch}: gives us y^{e}: Sorrifull news y^{t}: on the last of Novem^{r}: His Excell^{cy}: y^{e}: Comissary Gen^{ll}: dyed at Chuttanutta, A p[e]rson in

whome ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : had reposed so great a trust for regulateing their Affairs in India, but it has pleas'd God to deprive them & us of his farther direction, It behoves us all therefore to be ye more carefull & diligent in ye : discharge of our [busines &] every one in his station Prudently endeavour to promote ye : Interest of our Rt : Honble : Masters, Wee have ye : more reason to urge you thereunto, because there is an attempt made by ye : Interloper in Bengall to rueine the English trade in India, by there basse methods they take wth : ye : Countrey Govermt : there & Crafty false [insinuations] wch : may goe a creditt & ℘ty among those who are false to their Truth but they who are [true] to their obligation unto ye : Rt : Honble : Compa & have any consideration for ye Generall Interest of our Nation, will oppose yt : Interlopeing ℘ty to ye : utmost of the[ir] power, and wee strickly require all under your Juredicktion to have [no] Correspondence wth Interlopers nor to be any way ading [or] assisting to them directly or inddirectly & if any one Shall Receive [Lres] or advices relating [to] their [affairs wee] order any su[ch persons] to acquant [ye : Depty : Govr : therewth :].

You may take two of ye : Brass Rabbonetts belonging to ye : Madapollam for ye : use of yor : Garrison, & keep yor : Iron ffawcuns wee thou have Occasion here for ye : other two Brasse Rabbonetts.

Wee Shall Send you a Standerd as Soon as wee can gett it, & hope to procure one yt : is fitt, but have no shrowd hasers of 5 Inches, if you want one you must make it of Small Cordes.

Wee Suddanly expect ye : Sampson from Bengall to fill up for England, & beleive there will be no occasion to send her to your Port. Therefore Send hither your Bales, Books, Letters accots : &ca : for England & Mr : Griffith by ye first Oppertunity, wee are.

Yor : affecte : ffreinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL : FRASER.

DECEMR : YE : 29TH : 1693.

TO YE : HONBLE : BARTHOLOMEW HARRIS
PRESEDT : &CA : COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF YE : RT :
HONBLE : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA : IN SURRAT.

Honble : Sr : &ca :

On ye : 25th : Inst : wee Recd : a Genll : lre from ye : Agent & Councill of Bengall dated 9th : Inst : adviseing yt : on ye : last of Novemr : ye Commissary Generall died at Chuttanutte & was buried there ye 4th : Inst : a great losse & disappointment to ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : who had entrusted him with ye : Settlement of their affairs in India, & wn : there is greatest occasion as well for his au[thority] as Prudent direction, It has pleas'd God [to take] him from us. It concerns us [there]fore be ye : more carefull & industrious to secure ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : Interest against : ye : common enimy of ye : English Nation as w[e]ll as of ye : English Compa : ye : Interlopers who by ye : Methods they use in managing their buisinesse, doe intend of Carrying on a pretended Reformation as far as in them lyes undermine & ruine ye : English trade in India & make way for ye : Dutch to Engrosse all to themselfe ; & us our Circumstances wth : ye : Govrt : at present, it will be very difficult to impede & defeact their Designes as you will percive by ye : inclosed Coppy of a Paragrafe of ye : said Bengall Genll Lre, Besids wch : wee have no certain advices only by report Mr : Pitts dos in Bengall give out great boost of authority & tells strange storeys to gain a Credit & ℘ty wch : if they are as false in ye whole as certainly false in part. It is a Strange peeice of impudence & but ye : relating of ye : same part wch : was plaid in Bengall by ye : Interlopers 10 years agoe : It is reported yt : Mr : George White is gone in another Ship for Surrat & if he arives wth : you he doubtlesse comes upon ye : same designe & wth : all ye : same methods.

Wee have advice yt: two of ye: Rt: Honble: Companys Ships came out before Mr: Pitts bound for ffort St: George whereof one is ye: Princes Ann & two more were ready to follow for Surrat, wee know not their names of the rest, Pitts came out in Aprill last & had an extraordinary passage being an Excellent Sailor & ye: Princes being much slower may be still upon ye: way. When they arrive wee shall send you ye: necessary advices & desire you will please, to send us yours as often as occasion requires Menetime wee duely exquse your answer to ours of ye: 14th: Septemr: requesting yor: Honr: &ca: to remitt us apart later accot: of ye: manner & progresse of your Addresses at ye: Mogulls Court, ye: person you imploy & apply to & ye: prospect you have of good or ill Successe yt: wee may be ye: better directed thereby either to forbear or to proced in ye: Application to us since made to Assid Caun for a Phirmand for this place or relateing to Bengall.

The Vaquall you maintain at Court may be very usefull to us in sending us frequent advices of all passages there, Wee are

Yor: affecte: friends & humble: Servants
NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

P.S.

Mr: William T[h]ompson came out a ffactor in ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Service upon ship Charles ye: Second, & being appointed here to attend a buisness wch: he thought to mean for him, he grew surly proud & obstinate & desired to be discharged yt: he might goe home upon Welldens Ship by way of Peirsa but ye: Comissary Generall did not thinke fitt to discharge him nor to give him leave to goe home yt: way, but did give him leave to goe home upon ye: Ber[k]ley Castel & took his Salary from him, from ye: time yt: he Refused to doe ye: Service appointed him some time since he obtaned leave here to goe see Fort St: David, and there Run away upon ye: Country ship Calicutt Mercht: bound for Calicutt whereof Wm: Evans is Master. Wee thinke it probable, yt: he [is goeing] to M[ee]t Mr: George White at Surrat & give you this notice [&] Character of ye: man yt: you may not be deceived by any false pretence and thinke it will be good service to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: if he were sent home againe.

By ye: Comissary Genll: Instructions to Mr: Brabon &ca: yor: Honr: &ca: will perceive yt: he is ordered for ye: future to follow yor: orders, yt: place being under ye: direction of yor: Presidency. so soon as wee here from thence, or have a true accot: of wt: wee have expended upon yt: expedition we shall remitt you ye: accot: thereof.

N.H.
J.D.
W.F.

TO YE: WORPLL: WM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA: COUNCILL.

Wee have recd: yors: of 6th: Inst: advising that Ship Madapollam repair is finished, returne yor: Peons immediately to order ye: Ladeing of ye: Rt: Honble: Company Bales, wch: you have in readynesse, upon Do: ship & dispatch her to us, wth: any other freight goods if they offer, Wee are

Yor: affecte: ffreinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

Fort St: George,
Janry: ye: 10th: $169\frac{3}{4}$

To M^{r}: Symon Holcombe Fort S^{t}: George, Jan^{ry}: 16th: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.
Cheif &c^{a} Councill at Vizagapatam.

Wee perceive by M^{r}: Sherrers means wee are brought Under some necessity Either of disobleging the Seerlascar, by delivering y^{e}: Chest he sent you to y^{e}: Dutch or dealing unhansomely in Concealing it from them; Concerning w^{ch}: wee defere Sending you any [orde]rs till you advice us w^{t}: Passes between y^{e}: Seerlascar & yor: selves, w^{n}: he came to Visset y^{e}: ffactory, by w^{ch}: wee shall Probably be y^{e}: better determined whereas at ꝑsent wee are doubtfull wether to lett y^{e}: chest remain in yor: ffactory or to Send for it hither, in order to its delivery to y^{e}: Dutch in Convenient time, in y^{e}: mean time lett M^{r}: Sherrer know it is our Possitive orders, he doe by y^{e}: first Oppertunity repair to y^{e}: ffortt.

It is a good hereing y^{t}: yor: Merch^{ts}: are So forward in yor: buis-[ness] y^{t}: they have brought in more Cloth y^{n}: you have del^{d}: them money, of w^{ch}: wee can send you no further supply till wee receive it by y^{e}: Expected Ships, w^{ch}: private lr̃es advise came out in May last, two for this place & two for Surratt, but wee yet here Nothing of them, & th[e]refore you may suspend receving any more Cloth, Except yor: Merch^{ts}: will trust till a supply arrives without Interest.

Wee herewth: send you Pass for y^{e}: Seerlascar Ship.

When y^{e}: Com̃issary was here in February last it was then Ordered in Consultation & agreed to by M^{r}: Holcombe y^{t}: in regard y^{e}: state of his private affaires y^{n}: would not ꝑmit him to goe to ye West coast y^{t}: Season, it Should be defer'd till this as hath been allready Represented to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: & y^{e}: Commissary Gen^{ll}: depending upon it Ordered y^{e}: Samuell to call at Vizagapatam for him, & wee have hitherto depend[ed] upon M^{r}. Holcombe repairing hither by y^{e}: first Oppertunity y^{t}: he may be in a readiness to proceed thither, when wee shall be in a Capasity to send him, w^{ch}: will be upon y^{e}: first Arrivall of an Europe ship, & y^{e}: Conditions of y^{e}: Settlement of y^{e}: West coast will not admit of a long delay; wee are very Sorry to find y^{t}: M^{r}: Holcombe is Under Such an indisposition y^{t}: he Cannot come by y^{e}: Samuell, w^{n}: he comes lett y^{e}: Charge of y^{e}: ffactory be deliv^{d}: to M^{r}: Charles Barwell &c^{a}: Councill, wee are

Yo^{r}: affect^{e}: ffreinds
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
Will: Fraser.

P.S.—
Wee c[o]nfirme our former Orders of sending no brown Cloth to be wash't here, you may allow Pagod^{a}: a Bal[e] freight for such of the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Bales as you shall have Occasion to Send hither.

Duplicate hereof goes Overland.

Idem.

Fort S^{t}: George, Jan^{ry}: 17th: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

To y^{e}: R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: Agent for affairs
of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honorable English East
India Comp^{a}: &c^{a}: Coun^{ll}: In Bengall.

On y^{e}: 25th: past we rec^{d}: yor: Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e dated 9th: D^{o}: by Ship Welfare w^{ch}: gives us y^{e}: Sad aco^{t}: of our irrapareable loss of y^{e}: Com̃issary Gen^{ll}: you therein advise us to have rec^{d}: our overland Packett & to have returned y^{t}: directed to y^{e}: Com̃issary Gen^{ll}: but it did not come Inclos'd in yor: Packett & Capt: Child doth deney to have rec^{d}: any other Packett from you.

Yo^{r}: Lr̃e gives us an acco^{tt}: of y^{e}: Interlopers kind reception by y^{e}: Gov^{rt}: & their Successfull progress in their business, Notwth: standing all y^{e}: endeavours used by y^{e}: Commissary Gen^{ll}: & yor: selves to seize y^{e}: Ship & men and Stop their trade, & now y^{e}: ships Charles & Sampson being gone you have none left to oppose them by force till y^{e}: Expected ships arrive from Europe, whereof wee

have good advise by private Lr̃es w^{ch}: came by y^{e}: Interlopers Ships y^{t}: y^{e}: Princess Ann, Royall James & Mary & Hawk, are designd directly for Bengall & y^{e}: Armenian Merch^{t}: for this place, & they will doubtless bring you ℘ticular orders from y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: concerning y^{e}: Interlopers, in y^{e}: meantime you have resolvd upon y^{e}: only means y^{t}: we can think of; Viz^{t}: to piscash y^{e}: Gov^{rt}: as you find occasion requires to obstruct their getting of goods to defeate & over [throw] a Voyage w^{ch}: is Undertaken wth: a designe to ruin y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: trade, managed wth: Such methods as doe directly tend to it, We doubt not but they have used their utmost Endeavo'rs in Bengall, to make not only y^{e}: Country Goverm^{t}: but y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Serv^{ts}: believe y^{t}: y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: is broak & dissolvd, as they have Endeavord to ℘swade our peaple here by their Lr̃es to Sundry ℘sons whom they thought of their ℘ty, but ye lr̃es are all come to our hands & we are fully Satisfied y^{t}: their Storys are all false and forged, except it be in y^{t}: point y^{t}: y^{e}: Interlopers Ships is come out, & wee can assure you from private letters written by those who doe well Understand those affairs & are concernd to acquant their Corrispondence wth: y^{e}: truth, y^{t}: y^{e}: Comp^{a}: stands as f[i]rm as befor y^{e}: attempts of y^{e}: adverse ℘ty. 'Tis our great missfortune y^{t}: none of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Ships are yet arrived w^{ch}: hath given y^{e}: Interlopers So much time for imposeing their false stor[y]es upon credulous people but we hope before this comes to yor: hands one or more of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Ships will be arrived wth: you & then y^{e}: mist will clear up of itself w^{n}: any of them arrive fail not to send immediate advice hither & to Surrat & w^{n}: any comes hither we shall hasten our advices to you, & y^{n}: we are afrade it is in vain to expect any timely remidy from application to be made from hence to y^{e}: Mogulls Court the only ℘son whom we have So long depended on y^{e}: Grand Visier Assid Caun remains in a very doubtfull State wether he will be in or out of [favour] & we have at present no other means of applying to y^{e}: Mogull wth: any Success, all addresses & proceeding in y^{t}: Court being so delatory unless quickned by a vast Expence.

Wee take notice y^{t}: M^{r}: Eyres in his Lr̃e from Dacca mentions Sayllabut Caun to be y^{e}: Obstrucer of y^{e}: Passing of y^{e}: Kings order for reverseing y^{e}: Stopp on y^{e}: European trade. Wee hope in a short time to understand y^{e}: truth of y^{t}: matter & if it be in our power shall apply a remidy.

We doe well approve yor: presenteing y^{e}: Nabob & Duan of Dacca & we cannot limit a Sum but must leave it to yor: discresion according as you Shall find it necessary from y^{e}: proceedings of y^{e}: Interlopers & y^{t}: will be a good time to represent to them y^{e}: great troubles w^{ch}: have arisen both to y^{e}: Mogull Subjects & ye English, by Pyratts Ships w^{ch}: if tho they dont belong to ye Comp^{a}: assume to themselves the name of English & make a pretence of trade and thereby gain an Oppertunity to injure y^{e}: Moguls Subjects & then y^{e}: fault is la[i]d unreasonable upon the Comp^{a}:

The judge acquants us y^{t}: y^{t}: he hath Examin'd y^{e}: affair of Stocks Ship & hath already sent down a warrant to you about it.

Jan^{ry}: 18th: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

Yesterday we rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 23th: December wth: bill of ladeing and Invoice of Sundry goods ℘ Ship Samuell Amo^{t}: to R^{s}: 11035: 9: for w^{ch}: wee Shall give you creditt & Papers as ℘ List by y^{e}: Ship Welfare we Send you three Avordupoys: w^{tts}: one halfe hundred one fourteen £ one ℘ £ w^{ch}: makes 74 £ y^{e}: w^{t}: of a Bengall Maund by w^{ch}: you may compute your Bengall Maund as you desire Inclos'd is The Masters Recete. The Amo^{t}: is Pag^{ds}: 5-0-0.

The raretys you have sent us for present will be very usefull to us we sent you a Clock & Steel Cross bow by y^{e}: Saphire nor is there any more procureable nor a new Map of y^{e}: World.

We desire you not to forgett to send us yor: promised answer concerning M^{r}: Sowdon: Trenchfeild & Watts acc^{tt}: in order to y^{e}: recovering of w^{tt}: is due from them & w^{tt}: ever we shall receive upon their acco^{tt}: we shall give you due creditt for & no more, in ye mean time you must keep their Debts to y^{r}: own

acco^{t}: for we cannot admitt of them in our books, as to y^{e}: Success ffrigatt & Madrass frigatt it requires Some time to resolve possitively concerning their Charges, if you have no farther answer to give to M^{r}: Hayn's objection wee Shall put y^{t}: matter to a desescion in the Court of Admiralty.

We shall send you a serjant by y^{e}: first Oppertunity, yor: reason for not sending M^{r}: Bachy hither Seems to be good Viz^{t}: it would be of no purpose to send him wthout his accusation w^{ch}: cant be finished till after y^{e}: dep[a]rture of y^{e}: ships, but you must take good care y^{t}: he does not goe away; If y^{e}: Interloper should receive any of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Serv^{ts}: aboard their Ship for a passage to Europe you must protest against the Comd^{r}: & Suparcargoe in behalfe of y^{e}: Comp^{a}: to the Amo^{t}: of damages.

We doe not find one word in all ye Lr̃e we have rec^{d}: from you concerning Ship Samuell we find you have laden y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: goods aboard her & have given y^{e}: Comd^{r}: sailing orders but we Expected to have had an Acco^{tt}: of ye Ships Survey y^{e}: time & terms of her being taken into Charterparty Service wth: w^{t}: had passd between Capt: Freke & yor:Selves upon y^{t}: matter but you have left us all together in y^{e}: dark.

We did also expect to have had y^{e}: Com̃issary Gen^{ll}: papers sent to us w^{ch}: related to y^{e}: Comp^{a}: affairs or at least coppys of them & we Still hope y^{t}: they will be sent us by those y^{t}: are entrusted wth: them or at least Such of them as are proper for our Cognisance till w^{n}: We have nothing farther to add only y^{t}: w^{t}: ever orders ye Com: Gen^{ll}: saw cause to make be duly executed & ꝑticularly as to wth:drawing of y^{e}: uper ffactorys If y^{e}: Dutch have really a design of Quarrelling wth: y^{e}: Mogull in Bengall tis certainly yor: sequrest way to wth:draw them for doubtless thereupon hee will not only confirm his orders for y^{e}: universall stop of y^{e}: trade of Europians but issue severe orders throughout his dominions against them y^{t} [shall] be wthin the reach of his Governours.

Wee well approve of yor: proposall of secureing a necessary quantity of Saltpetre Viz^{t} So much as will be Suffiscent for the kentilage of 5 or 6 Ships tho you are forced to pay Interest for the money. Wee are,

Yo^{r}: Loving freinds & Serv^{ts}:

20th: Jan^{ry}: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

P.S.—

The late Com̃issary Gen^{ll}: papers are sent by Ship Samuell to y: Lady Goldsborough, from whom wee shall receive them. Wee shall write you overland in two days.

Idem.

TO CAP^{T}: ROB^{T}: DORRILL FORT S^{T}: GEORGE JAN^{RY}: 20TH: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

COMAND^{R}: OF SHIP CHA^{R}: CAP^{T}: JO: BROMWELL

COMAND^{R}: OF SHIP SAMPSON OR EITHER OF THEM.

When pleas God you arrive in England deliver Our Enclosed Packett to the Right Honble: Company: Wee wish you a good Voyage and Remain.

Yo^{r}: Loveing ffreinds

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

To Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: WILL. HATSELL ESQ^{R}:
DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}: & COUN^{LL}: AT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Ship Samuell came into this Road yesterday, wee may want your bales to fitt her up, therefore hasten the Madapollam to us as Soon as you can with what you have Ready. She will bee Suddenly dispatched. Wee are

Yo^{r}: affect^{e}: ffreinds

Fort S^{t}: George,
Jan^{ry}: 22nd: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

To M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIFE &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: AT VIZAGAP^{M}:

JAN^{RY} 23TH: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

The foregoing is Duplicate of our Lr̃e sent you by Ship Kenthaine. This advice y^{e}: Reacept of yor: Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e dated 11th: Ins^{t}: ℘ [Samuell] wth: your Consultations &c^{a}: ℘ Ship Samuell w^{ch}: Anchor'd here y^{e}: 21th Ins^{t}: Wee Shall Credit yor: ffacttory for y^{e}: amo^{t}: of 210 Bales &c^{a}: Pag^{ds}: 11448: 13: 2 & unto y^{e}: Entry of y^{e}: Bengall Provisions wee Referr you to y^{e}: Inclos'd coppy of our Consultat̃: 18th: Ins^{t}:

Wee well approve yor: tranceaction wth: y^{e}: Seer Lasscar, Perticulearly set forth in yor: Consultations & hope yor: bisness will goe on well & qui[et]ly during his time, w^{ch}: thô: it be uncertain yet y^{e}: Present to him was necessary & His Gen^{ll}: cowle have been of good use, (thô you had given a little more for it) & seave you a great deal of trouble in frequent Application for Roccã: But Since he would not grant it, you must be y^{e}: more watchfull and make early applications to him in case any Interloper Should fall upon yor: Coast.

The Renting of y^{e}: town tho dere at Rupes 4862 it doubtlesse is sequrity & advantag to the managment of bisness, & may tend to y^{e}: Enlargeing & increseing of y^{e}: Town, but it would have been much more Satisfactory if you had taken y^{e}: Security of y^{e}: Inhabitants for saveing y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: from losse, w^{ch}: they did before, & Probably will be willing to doe it again it being as much for their Interest as y^{e}: Comp^{as}: w^{ch}: you may Still Require of them. Tho we cant willingly accept of M^{r}: Holcombe's Security yet we preferr y^{e}: other for this reason. If M^{r}: Holcombe hath bound to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: for y^{e}: rent he thereby binds himselfe to y^{e}: Town for three years & will g[i]ve an argum^{t}: against his goeing to y^{e}: West coast as long as y^{e}: terme last. But wee Shall depend upon his proceding thither So Soon as he can, but if his Indisposition doe Continue So as to hinder him this season, then lett M^{r}: Charles Barwell take y^{e}: first oppertunity for repareing hither & wee Shall upon advice Send another to fitt yor: Councill & a writer & Shall Supply you wth: mony as Soon as we can possebly being very Sencible of your want to discharge y^{e}: money borrow'd at great Interest.

Wee take notice of w^{t}: you write concerning your Investment & sale of Europe goods, and Shall give you orders accordingly when our Stock comes, in the meane time doe w^{ch}: lyes in yor: power to keep up y^{e}: Creditt of y^{e}: ffactory.

Notwth: standing all y^{e}: Storyes invented & spred by y^{e}: Interlopers to ye discredit of y^{e}: R^{t} Honble: Comp^{a}: we can assure you from Private Lr̃es Sent by eminent Merch^{ts}: who are concerned to give their Corraspondants here a true acco^{t}: y^{t}: y^{e}: attempts of y^{e}: adverse party & hope none among you will be deluded to betray y^{e}: Truth reposied in you, wee are

Yo^{r}: affect^{e}: ffreinds

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

P.S.—
Herewth: is M^{r}: Betts acco^{t}: of Sundry Particulers take out of [our] Generall book for the Rectifying your Acco^{t}: Cash.

Idem.

LIST OF Y^{E}: PACQUET SENT TO VIZAGAPATAM.

N°. 1. Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e dated 23th: Jan^{ry}: 169$\frac{3}{4}$
2. Duplicate Generall Dated 16th:
3. Pass for y^{e}: Seer Lascars Ship.
4. Coppy of a Consultation dated 18th: Ins^{t}:
5. Bookkeepers Paper of Errors.

TO Y^{E} HON^{BLE}: BARTH^{O}: HARRIS
PRESID^{T}: &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: AT SURRAT:

Our last was y^{e}: 29th: Dec^{r}: last adviseing the arrivall of an Interloper in Bengall the Seymore Capt: W^{m}: Gyfford Com^{dr}: Capt: Thomas Pitt Suparcargo. They Left England in May & arrived at Ballisore 1th Octo^{r}: last & give out that y^{e}: Ship Henry was bound for Surrat for y^{e}: Same Acco^{t}: whereof M^{r}: George White goes Supar Cargo. By their Reports y^{e}: Comp^{a}: was dissolved by act of Parliament y^{e}: last Session & y^{e}: trade laid open but by Lr̃es written from England to some here by y^{e}: Same Ship it proves to bee a malisious lye invented and spred by Capt: Pitt on purpose to doe mischefe It is probable hee may have Sent y^{e}: same News to Surrat as hee has hither, but wee cant assure yor: Hon^{r}: [&c^{a}] that our Masters Stood as firme as ever, & wee are not to give y^{e}: least Creditt to any Reports of those who are their profesed Enemyes. 'Tis our great misfortuine y^{t}: none of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Ships doe yet appeare, wereof four are come out for this Coast & Bay & two design'd for Surratt.

We have long expected your Overland news by y^{e}: Modena from Persia, w^{ch}: doubtlesse will give you a better acco^{t}:

Herewth: [wee send our Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble:] Comp^{a}: w^{ch}: wee desire yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will please [to give] Convaighance by y^{e}: first Ship you Shall dispatch for England or Overland, Wee are

Honble: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Yo^{r}: affect^{e}: ffreinds
and Servants

[Fort S^{t}: Geor]ge
24th: Jan^{ry}: 1693.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.

[TO THE WORP^{LL}: THE AGENT] &C^{A}: COUNCILL
[FOR] AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}: R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: [ENG]LISH
EAST INDIA COMP^{A}: IN BENGALL.

The foregoeing is Duplicate of our Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e Ship Welfare Whereunto wee have little [to] add & only wee cannot but take notice to you y^{t}: there are many Complaints made here by Private Merch^{ts}: y^{t}: Agent Ellis has detaind their money in his hands & dos not send them Returnes. It was by y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: orders y^{t}: all y^{e}: private ships [from] this place be con[si]gned to y^{e}: Agent, y^{t}: he may have y^{e}: direction of y^{e}: Private trade & prevent y^{e}: mischeifs w^{ch}: have formerly arisen to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: affairs w^{n}: y^{e}: manigment of it was left to y^{e}: discresion of private men. But it is wth: all expected that y^{e}: Agent doe deal fairely wth: y^{e}: private Merch^{ts}: wee doe not censure him upon Repoart, but it being a matter of Consequence as well for his own Creditt as y^{e}: Reputation of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Generall order, Wee desire that Agent Ellis will in Consultation State [&] clear y^{e}: acco^{t}: of his Madrasse Correspondents who have made consignem^{ts}: to him this year. As well [as yor: acco^{t}: of] such Consigm^{t}: as came into [his hands upon] y^{e}: death of Agent Charnocke, and lett us [have y^{e}: report] of y^{e}: Councill thereupon as also w^{tt}: [share of the Com̃is]sion.

Wee hope to di[s]patch ship Samuel [for England] in the begining of February Wee are.

Yo^{r} : affect : ffreinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL : FRASER.

Fort S^{t}: George
Jan^{ry} : 24th : 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

TO Y^{E} WORP^{LL} : WILL : HATSELL ESQ^{R}
DEP^{TY} GOV^{R} : &C^{A} : COUN^{LL} : AT FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

Ship Samuell being arrived from Bengall & will in probability be dispatched Suddanly for England, Wee have thought Requisite [then] befor her departure M^{r} : Hatsell doe come hither. Therefore upon Recept hereof Wee order y^{t} : M^{r} : [Hat]sell deliver the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Cash to M^{r} : Jo : Hayns Second & ye Charge of y^{e} : ffort & ye R^{t} : Hon : Comp^{as} : affairs wth : him &c^{a} : Coun^{ll} : till Returne w^{ch} : [will] bee in a Short time. And wee desire M^{r} : Hatsell [to] hasten to us as soon as hee can by land, unlesse [he] apprehends any danger by y^{e} : Moors or Mira[ttas] in y^{e} : way or by sea if hee finds cause & oppertu[nity] for coming that way.

By Ship Northampton wee have sen[t] you su[ndry] things as ℘ inclosed receipt the Invoice will f[ollo]w wee are,

Yo^{r} : affect^{e} ffreinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL : FRASER.

Fort S^{t} : George,
Jany. 26th : 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

TO [THE WORP^{LL}] W^{M} : HATSELL ESQ^{R} :
DEP^{TY} : GOV^{R} : &C^{A} : COUN^{LL} : ATT FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

Wee have had many different reports Concerning the designes of y^{e} : Moors Army before Chingee the late [st] is y^{t} : y^{e} : Nabob is bound for Tanjore and will pass y^{e} : upper way soe as not to come near Cuddalore but yesterday our Peons bring us word y^{t} : the Camp was Marching towards Perriwikee ffortt to take it in their way, if so tis [prob]able the Army will pass by Pullichery and [Cudd]alore therefore make all the prepareation [you] can for y^{e} : defence of Fort and town, and [secure a] sufficiant quantity of provision wth in [ye fort].

It is well known that Seir Cawns sons d[os still] pretend a right to Tavenapatam Fort and [Cudda]lore and it is possible the Nabob may [make de]mand in favor of their cla[i]me if he passes wth : his Army Marches that way Send one of your Councell to the Nabob wth : a sutable ffrugall present and the Govr : a letter of Complem^{t} : but make noe Invitation nor receve any Vissit if you can avoid it, but if the Nabob shall send any one to you, [lett] not the p[e]rson come near or into your Fortt wth : a[ny] number of Armed men, Stand upon yor : Gard and trust not to any deceitfull pretence of Civility.

If you Apprehend any danger of being assaulted by them, have a care of salling out [un]less necessity Req^{r} : it, & then be sure [to] Secure a Safe retreat and make the best provision you [can] for y^{e} : retreat of those persons you shall post at Cuddalore in case they Shall be forst to quit it.

Herewth : wee have written a ℘ticular Lre to y^{e} : Dep^{ty} : Govr : Relateing to this affaire, and doe req^{r} all P[e]rsons to Obey those orders as he shall find cause to execute them w^{ch} : wee leave to him to Communicate to Such Persons as he Shall think fitt wee are,

Yo^{r} : affect^{e} : ffreinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
W^{M} : FRASER.

Fort S^{t} : George,
Jan^{ry} : 30th : 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

To M^{R} : Will : Hatsell.

Our late Gen^{ll} : Lr̃e order'd your Repair to ffort S^{t}: George but upon the Information wee have rec^{d}: of the Moors Army Marching to Tandore and other private Intelligence of their designes upon Cuddalore wee thinke it necessary that you Continue there till y^{e}: occasion is past.

Wee are advised y^{t}: Doct^{r}: Blackwall hath Engaged himselfe in the Moors Service and that he comes wth: their Army in some Command, their designe is to take Pollicherry Cuddalore and Porto Novo as they goe along, and have promised the Command of Pullicherry and Porto Novo to Doct^{r}: Blackwall. It is allso contrived y^{t}: y^{e}: Nabobs son Mahomed Arreif is to Visett you at Fort S^{t}: David attended wth: a good Guard, [who] Expects to have a Guard drawn out before he comes [to] the ffortt for his Reception that thereby he may have an oppertunity to Surprize you, this advice wee have from M^{r}: Cuthbert part[l]y from his own knowledge when he was at Wanderwash and partly from Doct^{r}: Blackwalls own Lr̃es to himselfe and his wife, w^{ch}: She has Shew'd to M^{r}: Cuthbert therefore immediatly Seiz upon her and her Papers, and if posible: Secure D^{r}: Blackwalls lr̃es & Send us Coppies of w^{tt}: is Matteriall and if thereby you Shall find Occasion to mistrust any person either in or out of y^{e}: Comp^{as}: service to have been concerned in or priv[y] to Doct^{r}: Blackwalls designe secure their persons by close confinem^{t}: and Seiz their Papers.

Sydam Mahomod Mackee a broker [that has pass]'d between Cuddalore and the Captn: [was the per]son y^{t}: has weedled D^{r}: Blackwall into this designe and M^{r}: Berlues Dubash who was wth: Cuthbert at Wandawash can give you a great [insi]ght into the whole matter, and y^{e}: P[e]r[sons or servants] belonging to D^{r}: Blackwall who must all be Secured at once and Examined.

You may p[e]rhaps expect wee should send you a Supply of Souldiers, but wee must Confes to you that wee do not know but the Nabobs Army may Come this way as well as to your place, he has been long suspected to have joined in Councill [with] y^{e}: Morrattas for w^{ch}: reason it is Said Prince Cau[n] Bux is coming down wth: a fresh Army & private instructions to Seiz him, if So 'tis not improbable but he may joine openly wth: ye Morattas for y^{e}: Security of his person, for w^{ch}: some of our [Forts] would be very convenient, & Madrass has been [spoken of] as a fitt place for his Retreat.

Place Tappies upon the road.

If upon the approach of y^{e}: Nabobs Army there Shall appear any danger the Dutch very probably will apply themselves to you for protection and wee See no Reason why you may not receive them into y^{e}: ffortt but you cannot Spare men out of the Garrison to releafe their ffactory if they desire it.

If y^{e}: ffortt come to be besieged maintain no more men wth in your Fort wth: provision [than] w^{t}: are necessary and usefull.

Lett Mockdum Nino have a care of himselfe haveing been ꝑticularly threatn'd to be Seizd.

After all tis possible the Nabob may not trouble you, wee hear to night that he is Secur'd by his own Army in Wandewash ffortt, however Preparation and caution will doe us no hurt. Wee are,

Fort S^{t}: George,
Jan^{ry}: 30th: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

Your Affect^{e}: ffreinds
Nath : Higginson.
John : Dolben.
Will : Fraser.

To Emaum Cooly.

Fort S^{T} : George Jan^{RY} : 23RD : 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

I have never heard from you Since you went from hence but once I hear from others y^{t}: you have your health and remain in y^{e}: Nabobs favor w^{ch}: is a great Satisfaction to me you know w^{tt}: great dependance I have always had on your friendship you being y^{e}: only p[e]rson entrusted as well by y^{e}: late Govr: as myselfe in y^{e}: manageing of y^{t}: great business of y^{e}: Phirmaund w^{ch}: you have

Long given us hopes of procureing & y^e: promise of yor: utmost Endeavors w^ch: I shall still trust to I have made no application to any other person but your [M]aster nor have I employ'd any other but yourselfe to him & wait y^e: good day for y^e: joyfull receiving of y^e: Phirmaund and for makeing good [my] faithfull promises to yor: Selfe, I have now wri[tten] to Zulphackor Caun coppy whereof goes here[with] for yor: perusall I earnestly desire you to discourse him he is Engaged in great affairs and may possible forgett this if you dont Somtimes put him in rememberance. You perfectly understand y^e: constant charge wee are at for maintaining of Souldiers Peons & Serv^ts: besides y^e: Extraordinary charge of Entertaining Strangers & protecting them w^n: y^e: Morrattas w^th: their fflying ꝑtys of horse make incursions into these parts to rob & pillage y^e: Country at w^ch: time they use to threaten us Severely because of y^e: Mogulls Subjects harbouring here y^t: they will ruin our ffactorys lying in their parts w^ch: wee have exposed to the hazard of their fury rather then deliver into their mercyless hands y^e: Mogulls Servants has not y^e: tra[d]e of this place Carryed on by y^e: Inhabitants for many years Supplyed ye Kings* [Camp] w^th: all Sorts of grain provisions & necessarys & can it be thought y^t: Such a trade can goe on w^th: out a considerable encrease of publick Charge for manageing & orderly governing of y^e: traders and building of Storehouses for preservation of Grain &c^a: by all w^ch: y^e: Comp^a: are at a great Expence Indeed were times now as formerly w^n: y^e: Country afforded a great trade the R^t: Honble: Comp^a: might better afford to Spend money. You know their trade lyes in y^e: buying of Cloth the manufacture of y^e: Country but these parts have been and are so harrased w^th: warrs y^t: I assure you I cannot dureing these troublesome times lay out so much money in Cloth as I spend for our ordinary Charges but I doubt not but Zulphackor Cauns courage and conduct will in a short time Settle the Country free from Robbers. I hear y^t: Maub Caun Mattecashe Jagger in y^e: Pullmile Country is changed and given to another if so I hope you will take care y^t: Yegmore and Persiawacca w^ch: [were] formerly in y^e: List of his Jagger be not given to any other because you know y^t: by y^e: Kings Husbalhookam Assid Caun & Zulphackeer Caun granted their Perwannas for those towns and Tandore w^ch: allways deserve Honour.

The Junkaneers at Vipere doe give us daly trouble and for their own profitt [do] all Countr[ar]y to Sallabad and Stopp and disturbe the free passage of Provisions and goods; If they Stop y^e: Provisions goeing to y^e: Camp it will not be my fault. You being a true ffreind and understanding all these affairs can prevent such trouble. These being small things I have not troubled Zulphacor Caun w^th: them depending on your ffreindship, I am,

Yo^r: Loveing ffreind & Servant
NATH: HIGGINSON.

TO ASSID CAUN Y^E: GRAND VISSERE.

May your Exc^ys: virtue and Wisdome be[ever] attended w^th: due reward & Honour yor: Exc^y: is y^e: [foun]tain from w^ch: all men receive the favour of All-[umgeer] as y^e: English nation have allways found by [experience] they have placed their dependance on you & w^th: all confidence hope to See the happy day of receiving y^e: King's* Phirmaund w^ch: yor: Ex^cy: has been pleased to give me an assurance of as w[e]ll by yor: own Lr̃e as by your Noble Son Zulphackor Caun w[hen he shall] have sub[d]ued y^e: Robbers and Reduced this Country to a qui[e]t fflourishing State then Shall wee be able to carry on our business and Enlarge our trade cherfully and prosperously from Cape Comereen to Bengall Supported by y^e: Emperours power & yor: Excell^ys: favor In y^e: meantime our trade languishes not dareing to venture much money into y^e: Country for fear of y^e: Morrattas who have frequently robbed our Merch^ts: and wee have little else to doe but to make provisions of Grain &[c^a] for y^e: Kings Camp & to take care of and Protect all y^e: Kings Servants & Subjects who come hither for y^t: purpose by w^ch: means I am at Constant & great charges in all w^ch: my study is to serve y^e: King & doe humbly hope it will be So accept[ed] by him if yor: Exc^y: will please to represent it to him.

* "Mogulls" in the India Office copy.

Will yor: Exc^{y}: please to make me happy by receiveing his Majestys Phirmaund y^{t}: y^{e}: next Ship I send to Europe being freighted wth: y^{e}: Effects of yor: Generous goodness may prosperously pass y^{e}: Seas & carry y^{e}: glorious fame of yor: great name into y^{e}: remotest parts of y^{e}: world where the Sun first rises out of darkness.

Yo^{r}: Exc^{y}: hath heard a report y^{t}: of Late years Some Pyratt Ships hath come out of Europe into y^{e}: seas of India & have Committed Robberys upon Ships belonging to y^{e}: Mogulls Subjects w^{ch}: because these Ships doe sometimes appear wth: English Coulours & Sometimes have English men aboard them therefore y^{e}: Mogull laid a blaim upon y^{e}: English Company. Will your Exell^{y}: give me leave to tell you y^{e}: truth of this matter & to offer to you[r] consideration a remidy Many of y^{e}: Kings and Princes of Europe whose Dominions border upon y^{e}: Sea have many Ships belonging to them wth: w^{ch}: their Subjects trade to all parts of y^{e}: world among whom there are wicked men of Severall Nations who forsakeing their Country and human Society doe combine and apply themselves to live by Robbery upon y^{e}: Seas where w^{tt}: ever ships they meet wth: are a prey unto them if they can overcome them tho they belong to their own Country and it is Generally their pollicy to have Severall nations in y^{e}: Same Ship English Dutch French Spanish Portugues Danes and carry wth: them the Colours of severall nations w^{ch}: they make use off as occasion requires to deceive the Ships they meet wth: there are many of these Ships Saling in y^{e}: Seas of Europe & some of them have Stragled into y^{e}: Seas of India & have taken both English & Dutch Ships [as well as ships] belonging to India for they make no distinction of nations [but] make war against mankind & like Savage [beasts live] by prey tho Sometimes they Subtilly come into Ports and pretend to trade & are accordingly entertained & civilly used by y^{e}: Govr: of y^{e}: Country but watch [their] Oppertuntys to doe mischief & rob y^{e}: Mogulls [subjects] and if it happens y^{t}: Such Ships doe make [use of Eng]lish Colours or if their be any English men [among] them y^{e}: blame is lade upon y^{e}: English Com[pany but very] unreasonably as your Exc^{y}: will readily [think w^{n}: it is] considerd y^{t}: y^{e}: Princes of Europe doe not o[nly Stric]tly forbid all their Subjects from committ [ing such] robberys on pain of Death but doe require all men to kill them wherever they meet wth: them and by the common consent of all nations such men are treated as wild beasts and venomous Creatures w^{ch}: are abhord by human nature: yor: Excell^{y}: perfectly understands y^{e}: rules of reason by w^{ch}: humain Society is govern'd and nations tho never so distan[t] and different are united in mutuall friendship and Corrispondence for y^{e}: Common good of mankind [I need] not therefore tell yor: Exc^{y}: y^{t}: by y^{e}: Laws of Nations [if] any man shall comitt a robbery or any other villainous act not only wth: out the Authority but again[st] y^{e}: Law of his Prince it shall not be imputed as a fault unto y^{t}: Prince unto whom he was once a Subject but hath wth: drawn himselfe from his naturall Subjection for it is not in y^{e}: power of any Prince to prevent it and he y^{t}: was once his Subject is now become his Enimy. It is not [therefore] y^{e}: fault of y^{e}: Princes of Europe if a Piratt wth: a mixt number of Europe Nations Shall come into these parts of y^{e}: world against y^{e}: laws of their own Country and committ robberys upon Ships belonging to y^{e}: Subjects of y^{e}: Mogull but it is a misfortune that Such Ships have been entertaind rec^{d}: & assisted by y^{e}: Gov^{rs}: of y^{e}: Country when they come into Ports under pretence of trade whereas otherwise they would not be able to Subsist always upon y^{e}: Sea. Will your Excll^{y}: therefore please to consider of a fitt expedient to prevent such mischiefs for the future and yet to maintain the antient ffriendship between y^{e}: Mogulls and the Kings of Europe and y^{e}: benificiall commerce between their Subjects, that all y^{e}: Mogulls officers and Subjects throughout his Empire be prohibited not to trade wth: or entertain any Ships in his Majestys ports w^{ch}: doe not belong to the Europe Companys and w^{ch}: are [nott] owned by their Chiefs or have [nott] their pass otherwise his Majestyes Ports may entertain Pyratts instead of Merch^{ts}: [nothing more to add but remain] I am

Yo^{r}: Excell^{y}: Most humb^{le}: Servt:

NATH: HIGGINSON.

Fort S^{t}: George.
Jan^{r}: 23th: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

To Whittumb Chund, 23RD Jan^{RY} : $69\frac{3}{4}$.

I rec^{d} : your kind Letter and rejoice to hear of your good health being my-Selfe in good health to Serve you. I understand you are goeing to the Southward wth : the Army w^{n} : you come back pray lett me know it that I may Send you a Small token hopeing by y^{t} : time our [Ship] may bring Some Rarity that will please you. In the mean time haveing a Confidence in yor : ffriendship I write you this that you may understand that lately Arsemanagues people have demanded possession of Yegmore and Persiawacka & Bawder Caun has demanded Tandore pretending the Orders of Arsemanague and Surfuras Caun : now it cannot be unknown to you that these towns were granted to me by y^{e} : Grand Visers Perwanna for good service done the King w^{ch} : is well known both in entertaining and protecting the Kings subjects and servants and supplying his Majestys army with provisions which is the occasion of great charges however I shall Chearfully goe on if y^{e} : Junkanas doe not by their unreasonable troble discurage and hinder y^{e} : Merch^{ts} :

You being an understanding man and a ffriend I need not adde but remain.

To Nabob Zulphaker Caun at Wanderwas. Jan^{RY} : 23RD : $169\frac{3}{4}$.

I have paid the rent money of Chinapatnam due in June lent unto Hodgee Mahomod Alle according to your Exc^{ys} : orders w^{ch} : hee deliverd mee, and gave mee a receipt for the same. Tho your Exc^{y} : bee daily employed in y^{e} : Gov^{t} : of y^{e} : great affairs of y^{e} : King yet I doubt not but I have so good an Interest in your ffreindship & Memory, that you doe not forgett the Confidence I have so entirely placed in your Excell^{y} : for obtaining the Kings Phirmand and live in daily hopes of reaping the fruit of your favour, w^{ch} : will lay an obligation upon me to approve myselfe greatfull and Serviseable therefore I pray your Excell^{y} : to writ to Assud Cawn your Noble ffarther about our bisnesse.

You were pleased to Send mee y^{e} : Grand Visseirs Parwanna for Yegmore Parsawa[cc]a and Tandore w^{ch} : his Exc^{y} : thought fitt to grant for Service done y^{e} : King. Now Some of y^{e} : Arsemanagues People pretend he h[a]s orderd them to take possession of Yegmore and Parsawa[cc]a and Bawder Caun pretends Surfuras Caun must have Tandore. But I honour the Visiers Perwanna more than [to] beleive their Pretences, and [confideing in] yor : [Exc^{ys} :] favor and ffriendship Shall goe on to make [all] y^{e} : provision wee can for y^{e} : Supply of your Camp by our ships and boats as useall unlesse y^{e} : Inhabitants Shall by their troublesome carrage to y^{e} : Merch^{ts} : discorage them.

I wish your Excell^{y} : health and happynes wth : the glory of Victory. Nothing more to adde but Remaine.

To Alle Asker Caun. Ultimo, Jan : $169\frac{3}{4}$.

I hear you are assistant to our Honble : Comp^{as} : affairs at w^{ch} : I [am] exceding Joyfull ; I understand when you was hear in y^{e} late Gov^{rs} : time you was not kindly treated by him but that [was not] my fault but [his], lately y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : was pleased to Confirm me their Govr : of this place therefore I write you this : I hope you will dayly increase your ffriendship and Correspondence in y^{e} : Comp^{as} : affairs. I am allways in hopes y^{t} : you will come into these parts : I hope you are always [in] y^{e} : Kings favour, you may always acquaint me of your good health Nothing elce to adde but [rema]ine.

To Mecaba Sund.

I Enjoy good health & hope to hear y^{e} : same from you I now have Sent hearwth : Inclosd a Petition to y^{e} : Grand Visier I desire you to [deliver] it to him when you shall think it a good time & give me an answar as soon as you can you may esteem me as yor : obledge[d] freind [&] advice me of your health you being an understanding man I need not inlarge but remaine.

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